

**Commissioners Meeting
April 16, 2024**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Joshua Claybourn

Meeting was called to order by President Gries at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners meeting dated March 19, 2024. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Seiler made a motion to approve claims as presented. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gries presented certificates to Amanda Epley for all the 911 Dispatchers for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Celebrating 911 Dispatchers of Spencer County for April 14 – 20, 2024.

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Melton is requesting approval to move forward with two (2) grants. The first is for Law Enforcement laptops. This is a full reimbursement and no cost to the county. **Seiler motioned to approve pursuing this grant. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The second grant is for a new water rescue boat. There is no cost to the county for the boat but will be a cost for insurance. This one boat will replace the two they currently use. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of April 1, 2024, total Veterans assisted this week was 10 and phone calls totaled 87.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Kenney Beeler (Army Veteran).

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

"Nursing Update" for March 2024:

There were less than five (5) animal bites reported. There were less than five (5) communicable diseases reported. There were one hundred three (103) vaccines administered.

Three (3) raccoons were sent to IDOH. They were negative for rabies but positive for distemper.

Environmental Inspector Report for March 2024:

There were three (3) On-Site Systems Permit issued. There were three (3) new residential on-site system permits. There are nine (9) septic systems permitted but not installed. There were six (6) spec's issued and a total of nine (9) waiting on design.

There were zero (0) new commercial on-site system permits issued.

Yearly On-Site System Permit Totals:

Residential – Eleven (11) new
Commercial – Zero (0)

There were three (3) complaints. One (1) Animals, (1) Trash, and (1) Other.

Retail Food Establishment Inspection Reports for March 2024:

Routine Inspections: Critical: Six (6) Non-Critical: Twenty-Four (24)
Repeat: Six (6) Inspections Completed: Sixteen (16)
Preoperational: Twelve (12) Complaints: Two (2)

Spinks proposed a School Liaison position under the Co-Ag grant funding. This School Liaison position would follow the same as the School Liaison under the HFI funding. This would be a Part Time / Contractual position. There is no more funding for the Co-Ag grant so the remaining balance is what would be used to support this position. The Health Board is in support. **Brown motioned to approve pending County Council approval. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Ride Solutions

INDOT has added a new component into Ride Solutions grant application for Public Transit in each of the counties they serve. All non-profit organizations who are funded through the 5311 program and who provide transportation within a multi-county service area, must have a formal authorizing resolution signed from each county they serve. **Brown motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

SJCA, Inc. / Tara Lloyd

SJCA Inc has presented a Professional Service Agreement. **Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

There was a discussion regarding the Saint Meinrad project. The solar panels will be on their property and is intended only to serve them. This is not a commercial solar project. They do plan to use the Economic Development as a pass through which allows them to get a lower rate. There is a meeting soon to discuss it with the Economic Development Commission. At some point as the legislative body, they will need to approve as well. There is no liability for the county.

Claybourn discussed a proposal to vacate Front Street and platted alleys. He presented a draft of the ordinance. This will be brought to the next meeting.

Claybourn has been discussing House Bill 1158. This bill will allow Commissioners to adopt an ordinance to require certain items in all contracts. He presented a 2024 Contact Manual for review.

Old Business

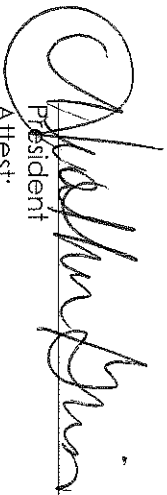
There were questions and comments regarding R/L Solutions from the public.


Brunner discussed moving website companies. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

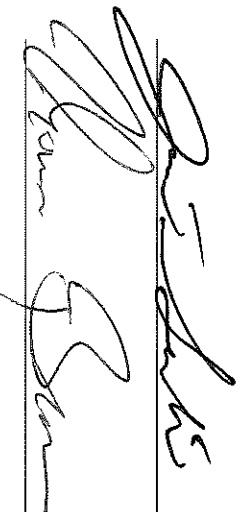
New Business

There was discussion regarding the livestream of meetings. HEA 1167 requires meetings to be livestreamed starting in July 1, 2025.

Seller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 P.M.


President
Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Brunner


Tara Lloyd