### Commissioners Meeting April 16, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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. The second grant is for a new water rescue boat. There is no cost to the county for the

## VSO / Butch Meredith

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

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

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: Repeat: Six (6) Critical: Six (6) Non-Critical: Twenty-Four (24)

Inspections Completed: Sixteen (16)
Twelve (12)
Complaints: Two (2)

Preoperational:

grant so the remaining balance is what would be used to support this position. T Health Board is in support. **Brown motioned to approve pending County Council approval. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.** 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 The

Spinks provided an update on the Legacy funds (LHMF & ILHDTA). committee and Health Board approved funding for the Spencer County Sheriff, Chrisney re Station, and St. Bernards Catholic School. The Advisory

Spinks has been approached from Vincennes University about allowing someone to volunteer for 16 hours of credit. Claybourn will review.

# Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech discussed an issue with juvenile detention. The Spencer County Jail is not equipped to house minors. They can hold a minor for only 6 hours. If a juvenile needs to stay, then they need to be transported to another facility. YCC in Evansville has Council later today at that meeting to discuss funding. male bed. Heichelbech provided the information and will be discussing with County changed the rules and now it is required to have a contract. The contract is for one (1)

# Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Bridge 152 is progressing. Anticipated date of completion is July 1, 2024

awarded \$1,500,000. INDOT has completed the review and selection of projects in the 2024-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program. Spencer County has preliminarily been

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. CR 100E (Old State 231) from 1000N to SR62 Phase I has been awarded \$1,262,400 in

CR 100E from 55N to 1000N (Excluding Chrisney Town Limits) Phase II has been awarded \$1,964,800 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds.

# Planning Commission / Kay Erwin

Residential (2) \$797,000 March 2024 Permits issued:

Accessory Buildings (7) \$476,500

Addition / Remodel (4) \$271,500

Totals for 2024:

Duplex: \$0

Addition / Remodel: \$271,500 Residential: \$2,703,000 Accessory Buildings: \$926,500 Cell Tower: \$0 Vacation: \$0

Regulations. Seiler motioned to approve the language changes. motion. Motion carried. This will be Ordinance 2024-06. Erwin is requesting changes to Ordinance 2022-02 Wind Energy Conversion Systems Siting Brown seconded the

## **Building Inspector / Todd Hays**

County Inspection Report for March 2024" - Total Inspections

Nine (9) Footers Six (6) Post Hole

Seventeen (17) General Five (5) R.I. Electric Eleven (11) Framing Eight (8) Electric Meter Five (5) Underground Plumbing Four (4) R.J. Plumbing

Zero (0) Temporary Electric
One (1) Waterproofing
Three (3) Tie Down (mobile or modular)

Zero (0) Cell Tower

Three (3) R.I. HVAC One (1) Foundations Six (6) Concrete

One (1) Gas

Four (4) Final

Zero (0) Firewall
One (1) Basement Walls Mileage driven for month: 1121

## **Economic Development**

The Spencer County READI Team made an announcement that Indiana First Region received the READI 2.0 award of \$15 million. Our region is comprised of Spencer, Harrison, Knox, Pike, and Perry counties.

abandoned, and/or blighted properties statewide; and (2) elevating the vitality of Indiana's arts and cultural community. on (1) Systematic community challenges associated with deteriorating, vacant, purpose of this funding is to advance and support two transformative initiatives focused They also presented information on the READI 2.0 Redevelopment and Art Initiative. The

### Mowing Bids

At the last meeting, the following bids were opened for the 2024 Spencer County Mowing season: Red Clay Lawn Care, Robinson Landscaping, and Redline Landscaping, and Redli Gries motioned to approve Redline Landworks. Seiler seconded the motion. Care, Robinson Landscaping, and Redline Landworks, Motion

### **Ride Solutions**

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. INDOT has added a new component into Ride Solutions grant application for Public

**SJCA**, Inc. / Tara Lloyd

SJCA Inc has presented a Professional Service Agreement. Brown motioned to approve.

Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Legal Report

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 There is no liability for the county. There was a discussion regarding the Saint Meinrad project. The solar panels will be on Commission. At some point as the legislative body, they will need to approve as well.

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.

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

There were questions and comments regarding RJL Solutions from the public.

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

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

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

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner