

Commissioners Meeting
May 6, 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

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated April 16, 2024. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

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

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of April 8, 2024, total Veterans assisted this week was 10 and phone calls totaled 95.

For week of April 15, 2024, total Veterans assisted this week was 13 and phone calls totaled 102.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

No report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

No report.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Kenney discussed the Meadows Subdivision and the possibility of the County taking over Dove Court and Quail Drive. **Gries motioned to approve adding it to the inventory. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There was discussion about the road name at the Freedom Bank in REO being Court Street.

Kenney provided the Annual Operations Report for the Commissioners to sign.

Clerk's Office / Darrell Stephens

Stephens discussed the delivery of voting machines to the polls. IC-3-11-14-14 states the county executive shall provide transportation for the system if requested to do so by the county election board. He is asking for \$2,800 for the Commissioners to pay for the transport. **Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Ordinance to Vacate

Ordinance No. 2024-07 "AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE PART OF FRONT STREET AND PART OF PLATTED ALLEYS IN THE UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF ENTERPRISE, LUCE TOWNSHIP IN SPENCER COUNTY INDIANA" was presented as a draft at the last meeting. **Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Midwest Telecom Quote

Bunner presented a quote from Midwest Telecom for the recording devices for the Commissioners room. The quote is for \$5,112.20 plus an estimated \$1,500 for labor. The quote did not include labor and they would like a new quote submitted. It will be brought to the next meeting.

Legal Report

Claybourn provided an update on the Solar Litigation. Since they did not list the solar company in the lawsuit, there is a motion to dismiss or make them a party. This is currently in the early stages of discovery.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

The Spencer County Library will be kicking off the Summer Reading Program for 2024 with Food Truck Friday on May 24, 2024. They are asking to use the courthouse lawn for a foam party. It is as safe as water and will be cleaned up by the company. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

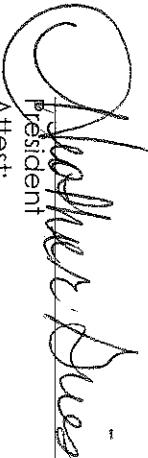
The Auditor's office is in the process of preparing for a Commissioners Deed Sale. Resolution No. 2024-02 "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE INTENT TO CONDUCT A COMMISSIONERS DEED SALE" was presented. The estimated date of the sale is July 11, 2024. **Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Brown discussed the status of it takes a Village animal control. He spoke with the Sheriff and Mindy from the Health Department, and they are discussing the need for an animal control officer. The concern is the time to process the animals as they come in. Brown provided a report from Animal Control showing animal intakes and adoptions as well as healthcare for first Quarter 2024. Tangila Smith from It Takes A Village came to talk about the processing of these animals. It was discussed that another Veterinarian in the area would be very helpful.

Jeff Meredith, Surveyor brought back his recommendation for the bid opening from the meeting earlier today. Herron Excavating is being removed from the bids due to an incorrect bid submission by Herron. The two (2) lowest bids after that are K & K Dirtworks at \$8,796 and S & S Excavating at \$6,840. Meredith made the recommendation to move forward with K & K Dirtworks since he is familiar with their work. **Seiler motioned to approve K & K Dirtworks. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gries presented a letter prepared by Claybourn announcing the new partnership with R.J.L Solutions as the path to a new economic development framework. Brown disagreed with the third paragraph and is asking to hold off approving until next month. **Seiler motioned to approve the letter. Gries seconded the motion. Brown opposed the letter. Motion carried with a 2-1 vote.**

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 P.M.



Matthew Bues
President
Attest:



Sean Brown



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Gries