

**Commissioners Meeting
July 2, 2024**

Present: Jim Seiler, Heather Gries, Deputy Auditor Leigh Duncan, Attorney Joshua Claybourn. Not Present: Tom Brown, Auditor Melissa Bunner

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 June 18, 2024. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

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

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of June 3, 2024, total Veterans assisted this week was 12 and phone calls totaled 123.
For week of June 10, 2024, total Veterans assisted this week was 11 and phone calls totaled 82.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Bill Coy was an Army Veteran.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

No report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

No report.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Rebid Bid Opening for Bituminous Surfacing of North Fulda Shortcut from E 1740N to SR545, N 800E from SR70 to SR66, W 425N from 450 W to Orchard Road, S 200W from Eureka Road to Patronville Road, 600E from Gries Road to 2100N and 1350N from 10W to SR62 and 2100N from 600E to Gries Road.

E&B Paving bid	\$1,847,830.00
C&R Construction	\$2,312,134.66
J.H. Rudolph	\$1,773,644.12

Seiler motioned to take these bids under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Report

Claybourn is continuing to work through the Economic Development issues and establishing R.J.L Solutions. Working on AEP meeting and the plans moving forward. He has been working with the Sheriff to address inmate issues. He is working on a calendar for the solar litigation and taking each step one by one. Also working with various departments such as the Auditor's Office to work through issues.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

There was discussion regarding Opioid funding and asking for all requests to be sent and the advisory committee will review. The Way has sent a request already and Gries will be sure it gets to the right place.

It Takes a Village / Christine – Director of Operations

Asking for an additional \$1000 / month to use for spay and neuter of feral cats in county.
Spencer County Resident came to discuss money for roads. He has reached out to the Highway Department already regarding County Road 600N. The Culverts about a foot higher than the road.

Spencer County Visitors Bureau / Natalie

Requesting a new appointment for the Visitors Bureau Mac Webb. **Seiler motioned to approve the appointment. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

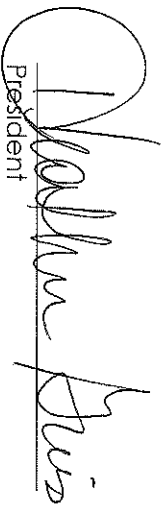
Gries motioned for recess until Highway Department has reviewed the bids. Seller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was recessed at 3:17 P.M.

Seller made a motion to reconvene. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 3:28 P.M.

The recommendation was made for J.H. Rudolph to be awarded the bid. **Seller motioned to award J.H. Rudolph the bid. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gries discussed the recent development with the Nextlevel Firefighter Training Center. On June 18, 2024, Governor Holcomb and State Fire Marshal Steve Jones announced the next phase of the Hub-and-Spoke Training plan. Five new training tower locations in eastern and southern Indiana were announced. These sites continue the expansion of state sponsored locations to help eliminate "training deserts" across Indiana. The second phase of new facilities will be built:
Hartford City (Blackford County), Washington Township (Davies County), Paoli (Orange County), Rushville (Rush County), and Chrisney (Spencer County).

Seller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner