

Commissioners Meeting August 6, 2024

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

Public Hearing / Todd Hays

Meeting was called to order by President Gries at 2:30 P.M.

The public meeting today is for one (1) property. The letter was mailed out on June 18, 2024, for the following property deemed unsafe:

1116 N Cherry Street, Richland, Indiana 47634 (Parcel No. 74-14-17-303-099.000-016)

Hays will bring back a finding of facts after ninety (90) days. **Seiler motioned to approve proceeding to the next step. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Hays discussed another property located at 5871 W Eureka Road, Rockport, Indiana 47635. This property needs to be sent the initial letter. **Brown motioned to send the letter. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38P.M.

Commissioners Meeting

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 July 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

No Report.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

No report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech has requested a change to the county ordinance regarding crash report fees. Currently Ordinance 35.02 provides for \$5 to be charged for crash reports. The request is to increase it to \$8. **Seiler motioned to approve the increase. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Claybourn will bring the new ordinance draft to the next meeting for review.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

By Thursday evening, all chip and seal overlay will be done. There were 42 miles.

Kenney asked for patience as the tree cleanup is underway.

St. Meinrad's Rock Fest

Carol Troesch is requesting permission to close 2nd Street in St. Meinrad (from the park shelter house, which is south of Brewery Street, to the ballfield area, near the Bristow – St. Meinrad Road) to thru traffic beginning on Friday, September 27, 2024, at noon through 7:00 am Sunday, September 29, 2024 for both the placement of food trucks and also for safety of guests during this year's St. Meinrad Rocks Fest. **Brown motioned to approve the request. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

There was discussion about a cooler that was purchased by the County and is being stored in a private funeral home owned by the coroner. This was done prior to her being Coroner. Claybourn has drafted an agreement for storage and use of the cooler. **Brown motioned to approve the agreement. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claybourn discussed updating the employee handbook. Jackson Kelley can do it for \$5,000. **Brown motioned to approve pending funding available. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claybourn discussed the EMA Transportation Agreement. The Spencer County Health Department has requested to review the transportation agreement with Spencer County Ambulance Service.

There was discussion regarding R/L Solutions and how it relates to LEDC and READI.

Claybourn discussed the need for a County Administrator. This person would work directly for the County Commissioners.

The Planning Commission is requesting a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the Solar Litigation discovery. Possible dates include Tuesday of next week or Thursday.

Old Business

No report.


New Business

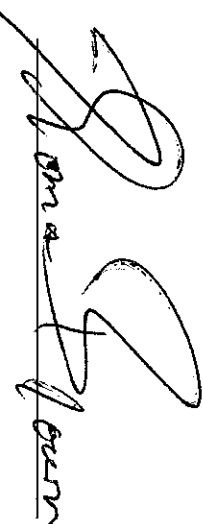
Bunner discussed the need for a new server in the Prosecutors Office (\$19,865) and a server relocation from the Circuit Court (\$4,873). The total cost is \$24,738. She is requesting payment for this out of the COVID 19 funding. **Seiler approved this request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gries discussed the Spencer County Ambulance request for Opioid Funding. This recommendation is from the Opioid Task Force which met earlier today. They are asking for \$18,358.00 to put into a fund at the Spencer County Auditor's Office that will assist with purchasing AED batteries and pads as they expire. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There were other requests received and those are being discussed and considered as well. They will be brought back when decisions are made.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32P.M.


President


Seiler

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner


Bunner