

**Commissioners Meeting
October 1, 2024**

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

Property Management Hearing / Autumn Winkler

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

Winkler provided copies of pictures of all five (5) properties. They all remain in the same condition.

There is a bid opening today to clean up the properties. There are three (3) bidders:

1066 W County Road 900 W, Hatfield Indiana Owner: Ronnie Ball
Elm Corner bid: \$740 B Hamilton bid: \$450 Redline bid: \$750

9372 W County Road 75 N, Hatfield Indiana Owner: Kathy L Burden
Elm Corner bid: \$1,275 B Hamilton bid: \$2,300 Redline bid: \$1,750

9361 W County Road 75 N, Hatfield Indiana Owner: Amanda Henning
Elm Corner bid: \$300 B Hamilton bid: \$300 Redline bid: \$425

4124 N Old State Road 245, Grandview Indiana Owner: Stanley Orman
Elm Corner bid: \$470 B Hamilton bid: \$400 Redline bid: \$2,250

Maple Street, Hatfield Indiana Owner: Darrell Waters
Elm Corner bid: \$930 B Hamilton bid: \$400 Redline bid: \$2,000

Brown motioned to accept the lowest bid for each property. Elm Corner for Henning & Buden properties & B Hamilton for Ball, Orman, & Waters properties. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion about changing the language in the ordinance. **Gries motioned to change the language. No second motion. Motion died.**

Gries would like to change the penalty for a second offense to \$1,000. This will be brought to the next meeting for review.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

Commissioners Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Gries at 3:02 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated September 17, 2024. Seiler 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 September 9, 2024, total Veterans assisted: 91 and phone calls totaled 126. For week of September 16, 2024, total Veterans assisted: 67 and phone calls totaled 82.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

No Report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

No Report.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

There was a bid opening for the Highway Department supplies for 2024. There are nine (9) bid packages:
Bid Package # 1 was for fuel

Bid Package #2 was for rock
Bid Package #3 was for gravel
Bid Package #4 was for bituminous concrete mixtures
Bid Package #5 was for AEP prime
Bid Package #6 was for pipe
Bid Package #7 was for all steel bridge materials
Bid Package #8 was for ready mix concrete
Bid Package #9 was for contractor pricing

Seiler motioned to take all bids under advisement. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gries motioned to lock in the fuel prices for the full year. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Seiler motioned to accept Lochmuller as an Engineer for Community Crossings. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AEP came to discuss Ordinance No. 2024-10. Brian Bergsma, Steve Baker, and Paul Darning were in attendance. Ordinance No. 2024-10 was presented, titled "An Ordinance To Support The Reliability, Availability, And Diversity Of Electric Generating Capacity In Spencer County." **Seiler motioned to approve on first reading. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The ordinance was adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.**

Building Inspector

Hays was not able to attend was sent an update for the unsafe building property located at 1116 N Cherry Street, Richland Indiana 47634. The property owner has started the demo but has not finished. Hays will follow up and bring an update to the next meeting.

Computers

Gary Eck with Eck-Mundy came to answer questions about the quote discussed at the last meeting. There was discussion regarding the contract and labor hours. **Seiler motioned to approve the computers from the Eck-Mundy bid. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting Date

There is a conflict with the Commissioners for the December 3, 2024 meeting date. **Seiler motioned to move the meeting to December 10, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Seiler motioned to move the Drainage Board meeting to December 10, 2024 at 2:45 P.M. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Report

Clybourn is working on code clean ups and will be bringing the updated employee handbook soon.

Old Business

Lora Philippe with Lochmuller Group presented contract for septic services. This is for services and documents for project "Residential Septic Tank Review and Inspection". **Seiler motioned to approve the contract. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business

Gries provided the update that the burn ban had been lifted.

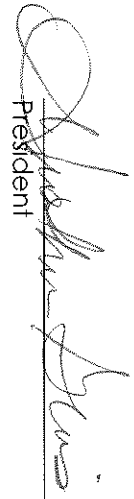
Megan Vance with the City of Rockport is requesting to use the courthouse lawn on October 12, 2024, from 4:00 P.M. to 6 P.M. She has already provided her certificate of liability information. **Gries motioned to approve her request. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

At the last meeting, Bill Glenn requested use of the Courthouse restrooms for the Masonic Lodge Car Show scheduled for September 28, 2024. Due to weather conditions, the car show is being moved to October 19, 2024. **He is asking for permission to use the restrooms at that time. Seiler motioned to approve his request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**


Auditor Bunner is requesting approval for vending machines for the courthouse. **Seiler motioned to approve placing vending machines. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Auditor Bunner is presenting a request on behalf of the Records Office, the Clerks Office, and the Auditor's Office. The request is for a plotter. This is a scanner / printer / copier used for surveys and larger prints. The amount requested is \$17,810 and will include the purchase price plus a two (2) year extended warranty, installation, configuration, and training as well as ink, paper and a print head. Bunner is asking to use the Covid-19 Expenses fund. There is currently \$24,322.78 in that fund. **Brown motioned to approve the purchase and funding. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.


President

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner