

**Commissioners Meeting
September 15, 2020**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Melissa Bunner

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Seiler at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Logsdon made a motion to approve the minutes from Public Hearing and Commissioner meetings August 18, 2020 and September 1, 2020 as presented. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve Batch #4453, 4454, 4455, 4457 as presented. Logsdon questioned line item number 33 on Claim 4455. Details will be provided to him at next meeting. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Health Department-COVID-19/Kim Hay

Hay reports the county currently has 211 positive COVID -19 cases, 189 recovered and 3 deaths. There have been 36 new cases in 2 weeks. 19 are in home isolation. Zero in the hospital. Continue with face coverings, hand washing and social distancing.

Seasonal flu vaccinations are in and she encouraged everyone to go get vaccinated.

Health Department COVID IT Grant is for \$80,820.05. She provided new quotes totaling \$23,696.05. This is a Federal Grant issued through the State of Indiana.

VSO / Butch Meredith

Meredith was not present but he sent an update for week of August 24, 2020. Total Veterans assisted this week was 41. Total phone calls this week was 56. For week of August 31, 2020 total Veterans assisted was 45 and total phone calls totaled 61.

Stephanie / EMA

Asking permission to start project of adding security infrastructure as a county instead of individual departments doing it separately. Estimated cost of project is approximately \$64,800 and this will be submitted under the Cares Act Grant. Brown motioned to approve this project as 1 cost for county and Logsdon seconded this motion.

She added that in addition to the Health Department IT Grant she also has a grant of \$99,500.00. She will work with the Health Department about adding more security infrastructure. When she gets more information, she will bring it back to the Commissioners for approvals.

Legal Report

Lindsey contacted SRI to invite them to this meeting, but no one was available to attend. Justin with SRI would like to meet Tuesday, September 29, 2020. This date is not a normal meeting time but suggests it might be a good time to have a working session and hear from them. Lindsey has reviewed the deeds and can go over it with the Committee at that time. Logsdon suggested 1:00 p.m. on that day. Lindsey will check with Justin at SRI and verify he can attend that meeting. Lindsey will advise.

Old Business

Murray Stout – Cares Act – New Ambulance

It would be designated as a Cares Act ambulance. After last meeting, he submitted a letter to the state for the cost of an ambulance and received approval from the State. He found the first one from Aero Mfg for a remounted ambulance at \$147,000. Since then he has found an ambulance in Tennessee. Himself, Butch Clem, and Janice Stein went down to the factory to see if it would meet the requirements and it did. They all agreed it was a good manufacturer. The unit is in production right now and he is looking for the approval to move forward with them.

This ambulance would be \$124,900.00 and that is without the radios and some furnishings inside. Attempted to receive 3 quotes but only received 2 total. Could not get quote from Dean Martin because they do not have any remounts available at this time. The quote including everything added in is approximately \$156,000.00 and would be covered under the Cares Act. The ambulance itself is under \$150,000.00 and the additional are separate. Brown motioned to move forward with the ambulance and Logsdon seconded the motion. Murray also requested the permission to be authorized to sign the paperwork and act as the Agent of the County in the purchase of the ambulance and the additional. Brown motioned to accept this request and Logsdon seconded the motion.

New Business

Lindsey presented the request to use the Commissioners Meeting room as the voting center. The Election Board struggled with finding a location and thinks it would be better to have it in the Courthouse. It needs to be a secure location where they can put double locks on the doors. The proposal / request is that it be in this room which would cause the Commissioners to be dislocated for 2 meetings. Part of this request is to be able to install double locks (dead bolts) as part of the dual control. One key held for Republicans and One key held for Democrats. This ensures that when no one is there the equipment and room is secure. Logsdon motioned this approval and Brown seconded the motion. Lindsey spoke with the Court and tentatively the auxiliary courtroom would be unoccupied for those two Tuesdays we need. We need to look and see if that will work or if the auditorium would be better.

Kim Fisher with Dispatch – Options for Back – Up – New Building vs. AEP

Provided quotes for new building and for the AEP option. The difference between the two quotes is about \$850 and the building fees. The new building would need to have a phone system installed and that is where the difference is. All these bills would fall under the 2022 budget for the monthly bills and cost. All the invoices are listed on the quotes. 2 from Midwest. The reason is in the new building the phones would need to be installed versus using what they call a mobile handset. As for the fiber internet in the new building they would be able to break it up and share it with Solid Waste, EMA, County Highway and Dispatch. They would have to up the bandwidth so the \$507 would be split between the 4 buildings and be a benefit to all of them. The general contractor Streicher Construction (Jasper, Indiana) quoted \$149,106.00 for the floor plan. No ideas on how to pay for it. Another option to save money is to eliminate the radio system part and utilize radios. Regardless if they use the AEP building or construct a new building, the equipment inside will need to be and can be relocated. Seller commented that the back up center needs to be some distance from the current dispatch center. Suggested Dale or Chrisney as locations. Logsdon made a motion to table until 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 29, 2020 during a public meeting. Brown seconded the motion. They have been told to take this to the County Council and see how they feel about it.


Ann Garrett asking for a reimbursement. Since 2014 the 911, ambulance service, and the Auditor's office have collectively put together a reimbursement grant that works on expenses that can be paid through Medicaid. This is a preliminary letter that needs to be signed by Jim Seiler that states we still want to be reimbursed. She is currently processing 2018 because it is a slow process and if approved we can potentially get reimbursed \$4,770.95. If we do not get the signature, we get nothing. Brown motioned to get reimbursed and Logsdon seconded the motion.

Brown brought up if we need additional for the nicotine testing and Ann Garrett confirmed there are funds to cover the cost.

Brown motioned to adjourn meeting and Logsdon seconded. It is 2:37 P.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner