

**Commissioners Meeting
December 20, 2022**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Jeff Lindsey

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve minutes for November 15, 2022 and November 18, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 5128, 5129, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5140, 5141, and 5143. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department

No report.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of November 28, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 118 and phone calls totaled 146. For week of December 5, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 82 and phone calls totaled 113.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022 the flags were at half staff for Rep. Donald Eachin (Virginia) 2017 – 2022.

On Wednesday, December 7, 2022 the flags were a half staff in Honor of Pearl Harbor Day.

There were two (2) Veterans that passed away. Mr. James Buxton (Navy Veteran) and Mr. Joseph Hagedorn (Army Veteran).

Meredith announced the courthouse brought in 4,344 can goods for the food drive last week. This donation was split evenly between The Little Yellow House and The Christian Resource Center.

Indiana Economic Development / Heidi Young

Young is asking for a support letter to provide the READI Review Board to show commitment the County has made in support of the multi-family development project in REO. The County approved funding through ARPA to use for the development of a road needed for the project.

Brown motioned to approve the support letter. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

HCC / Chris Middleton

Middleton provided information for the county insurance renewal. She provided a 2022 / 2023 comparison as well as a 10-year trend report. For 2022, the additions totaled: \$1,137,898 (299,094). The Loss Ratio totaled: 106,728 (49.6%). For 2023, the additions totaled 1,946,619 (808,721) and the Loss Ratio totaled: 242,876 (103%). The annual premium for 2022 was \$235,571 (+20,609). The annual premium for 2023 is quoted as \$279,871 (+44,300). This does not include Cyber and all 2022 figures are based on current inventory received through November 21, 2022. **Gries motioned to approve the add ons and renewal through the 2023 (3rd year). Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Brown motioned to extend the policy through the second meeting in March. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

There was discussion regarding the cyber policy. Eck Mundy is going to be requested to come to the next meeting to discuss what needs to be updated / done to qualify for the cyber insurance. This is basically for those who use remote access.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

Kenny is going to start treating the roads tomorrow for the predicted snow fall on Thursday and Friday.

Mullen provided an update on the 100 E project. She as a presentation on January 5, 2023 with INDOT.

Mullen is asking for a contract to be signed for BLN for on call services. Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mullen provided an update on the fuel reimbursements. She has received three (3) payments totaling \$3,572.72. It cost \$1,179.00 for the services. The County has recouped \$2,393.72 (2/3) in fuel reimbursements.

Mullen is completing the Community Crossings close out letter for the project 2000N (700 – 800).

Community Corrections / Sylvia Holbrook

Holbrook presented a letter stating effective February 1, 2023, that Spencer County Community Corrections will be ending the drug testing services with GenTox and starting their own drug testing program. They are also asking for

permission to hire a part time person for 29 hours a week to do the drug collections. **Brown motioned to table this at this time. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.** Holbrook will collect and return with more information detailing the savings vs. the cost of a new person.

The Advisory Board has appointed two (2) new members - Gladys Taylor Calhoun and Steve Sherman.

Sheriff's Department / Kelli Reinke

Reinke has two (2) deputies that have not had an opportunity to use the vacation time they have accrued. She is asking for either a payout or a roll over of those hours. One of the officers is an injured officer and is requesting a payout for his accrual. The handbook states "Vacation leave must be used in the twelve (12) month period after it is earned; time shall not be carried forward to the next twelve (12) month period without the approval of the County "Commissioners. No employee will be compensated for vacation leave in lieu of taking his or her vacation." **Gries motioned to approve the roll over for all employees. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Reinke made a recommendation for future consideration. If an officer is injured in the line of duty, could the county cover the insurance premiums while the person is on leave.

Shepherds Insurance / Ron Pund

Pund provided a quote proposal for the Workers' Compensation policy in the amount of \$60,462.00. There was discussion for a safety program to be implemented. IPEP (Indiana Public Employers' Plan) has safety programs that can help with the county needs. **Brown motioned to accept the quote. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Legal Report

Lindsey is working on the codification project through American Legal for our county ordinances. He is requesting another work session with the Commissioners. Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 12 P.M. was a date and time selected.

December 28, 2022 at 8:00 A.M. -Claims Meeting
January 3, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. - Work Session
January 3, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. -Finance Meeting
January 3, 2023 at 1:15 P.M. -Reorganization Meeting
Gries motioned to accept these meeting dates and times. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey provided a letter for consideration to act as Attorney for the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County. Everything remains the same except for the legal services rate is increasing to \$185.00/hour. **Gries motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Old Business

Ambulance Service	\$284,854	CPR Equipment
Clerk	\$168,000	New Voting Machines
Mariah Hill Sewer	\$100,000	Repairs
Fulda Sewer	\$160,000	Repairs

Gries motioned to approve these four (4) requests. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

Stanley Convergent Security Solutions, Inc. has provided a extended service agreement for consideration. The work is complete on the jail security project, but Sheriff Reinke is stating there continue to be problems with the system. Lindsey is asking for a list of the issues to review before making any decisions.

Town of Chrisney, Kim Likkenhus came to the meeting to provide a "Thank you" letter for the funding for the wastewater infrastructure project.

There is a request to put a "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign in the Sheriff's Department parking lot. **Gries motioned to approve the sign. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

