

**Commissioners Meeting
February 1, 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 the minutes for January 18, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4832, 4834, 4838, and 4839. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Bill Young

The County is in Red. All the states around us appear to be platequing or declining except for Kentucky. The number of positive calls has dipped down below the average.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of January 10, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 108 and the phone calls totaled 123. For week of January 17, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 69 and the phone calls totaled 121.

There were (2) Veterans that passed away. Mr. Billy Shirel (USMC Veteran) and Mr. Leroy Roberts (Army Veteran).

Hwy Report

Highway Opening Bid / Dale Kenney

The bids are for the Bituminous Surfacing of CR500N from Orchard Road to SR161 and Base Road from SR161 to CR400W.

CR500N from Orchard Road to SR161	
E & B Paving:	\$356,260.80
J.H. Rudolph:	\$347,745.50
Metzger:	\$345,880.00

Base Road from SR161 to CR400W.	
E & B Paving:	\$159,901.00
J.H. Rudolph:	\$158,287.00
Metzger:	\$147,417.00

Total Bids:	
E & B Paving:	\$516,161.80
J.H. Rudolph:	\$506,032.50
Metzger:	\$493,297.00

Brown motioned to take the bids under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney made the recommendation to award the bids to Metzger Construction for \$493,297.00.

Brown motioned to approve this recommendation. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney provided a list of the roads that were submitted for the Community Crossing 2022-1 Application.
CR400N from CR900W to Richland City Limits
CR800W from SR66 to CR50S (Eureka Road)
CR1300N from SR245 2700 feet to gravel
CR1200N from SR245 to St. Peters Church Road
CR1300N from St. Peters Church Road West 4915 feet to chip and seal
CR600E from SR245 to SR62
CR800N from CR100E to Old State Road

John Stocker / Comprehensive Plan

Stocker made a recommendation to the Commissioners to create an interim steering committee to start the comprehensive plan amendment process. Brown made a motion to have Lindsey set up a meeting with TSW Consulting to meet jointly with the Commissioners and County Council for a discussion. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. Seiler opposed this motion.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided a draft for the 2022 Spencer County Mowing Contract. There were some suggestions of adding in something about trimming hedges. Lindsey will add this and bring to the next meeting.

Lindsey provided an update to the ARPA. The final rule has been received and it is approximately 437 pages. Basically, this new ruling gives the option to claim up to \$10 million for loss revenue. If we do this, the money will be given to the county, and we can use this money at the county's discretion for standard governmental uses. There are still some rules and limits but the range for use is much broader. Lindsey will amend the ordinance and bring to the next meeting for review.

Darrell Stephens and Jeff Lindsey provided information from the Election Board. Stephens provided a letter requesting use of the Commissioners Meeting Room to conduct in-person early voting during the 2022 primary and general elections. **Gries motioned to approve this request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Stephens also asked for approval of a new four (4) year contract with Microvote. **Brown motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Old Business

No report.

New Business

Todd Grundhoefer came to discuss his project that has been included in the READI grant. To move forward, he needs a letter of support from either a town or county showing support for the project. His project is in the town of Santa Claus and is set to create new housing. **Gries motioned to approve this project with the contingency that the town of Santa Claus approves this project. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

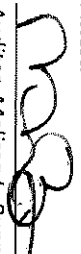
Heather Gries was approached by a property owner in the Lamar area. He had his property surveyed and it shows the county right-of-way is further than what is listed on the GIS. The property owner to the east of him has two buildings that are in the road right-of-way. She is asking how we handle this situation. Lindsey will look at this and report back at the next meeting. Gries provided a diagram of the properties for reference.

Bill Young asked questions about the ARPA money and how small businesses can apply for funding. The Auditor has all the information needed to apply.


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



President



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Stephen Gries