

Commissioners Meeting
April 5, 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

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

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 4878, 4879, 4881, 4883, 4884, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4890, 4891, 4892, 4893, and 4894. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

There have been zero (0) COVID cases reported over the last five (5) days.

Dr. Joshua Poos was introduced to the Commissioners. He is the newly appointed Health Officer.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of March 7, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 104 and the phone calls totaled 126. For week of March 14, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 99 and the phone calls totaled 137.

Meredith discussed the cost of the burial markers for his veterans. The County has been paying \$75.00 for approximately 20 years. The going rate for this service is \$200.00. He is asking permission to pay the \$200.00 effective immediately.

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

Meredith is scheduled for surgery on April 13, 2022 and is expected to be out for two (2) weeks.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK is April 10 – 16, 2022. The 911 dispatchers, EMS, Sheriff's Department, and Firefighters were all acknowledged and thanked for their services to the County.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney

Kenney is asking approval to add (350N) SR231 to Grandview Town Limits (8th Street) to the county road inventory.

Gries motioned to approve adding this road to the inventory. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney provided a full list of the CEDIT Roads to the Commissioners.

Brown motioned to approve this list with the update. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Murray Stout / Spencer County Ambulance Service

Stout came to ask approval to move forward with ordering the new ambulance approved through the ARPA funding. **Brown motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Sara Worstell / Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board Inc.

Worstell presented the renewal of the "Local Elected Officials' Agreement". **Brown motioned to appoint Heather Gries to fill this position. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Spencer County Public Library

The Spencer County Public Library is asking for permission to use the Courthouse lawn on Friday, April 15, 2022 for the "Seraphina The Triceratops and Friends" event. **Brown motioned to approve this request contingent on getting the certificate of liability. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Legal Report

Lindsey presented a draft of an ordinance called "An Ordinance regarding Grants". There was discussion about how much time is needed in advance for the Commissioners to approve and the Auditor's office to process. **Brown motioned to table this draft until the next meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Lindsey presented a draft of the "Spencer County Board of Commissioners Receipt and Hold Harmless Agreement regarding Spencer County ARPA Funds Donation". **Brown motioned to approve this agreement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Kay Erwin / Planning Commission

Erwin presented a draft of Ordinance 2022-02 "Wind Energy Conversion Systems Siting Regulations".

Gries motioned to approve Resolution 2022-02. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

This was adopted at first reading because the decision was unanimous.

Old Business
No Report.

New Business

Auditor Bunner provided an update on our current tax year. Tax bills will be mailed out on April 14, 2022. The website has been updated on the home page with all information needed to pay taxes. A reminder that each taxpayer only gets one bill for both spring and fall taxes. Also, there is a new website where taxpayers can view their bills at any time (Data Pit Stop). The information is on the website with detailed instructions on how to search the records.

Gries wanted to discuss the new updated 2022 Crisis CoAg Grant information provided by the Health Department. The Grant budget information changed from the last meeting. There was discussion about the salary and ensuring compliance with the salary ordinance. There will be follow up conversations regarding this grant as more information becomes available.

John Stocker came to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. He is asking if there are updates since there has already been one open house. Gries informed Stocker that after the next meeting, the information will be compiled and then reviewed. There is no time frame on when this will be done but as soon as information is available, she will everyone know.

Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

Shahna Huss

Jim Brown