

Commissioners Meeting
April 19, 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 April 5, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4879, 4881, 4883, 4896, 4900, 4901, 4902, and 4906. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay and Mindy Spinks, Bill Young

There have been zero (0) cases over the past four (4) weeks. There were ten (10) yesterday and two (2) today.

Hay was asking for approval for the blood drive in June. This is a mobile unit that will come to the courthouse. The Commissioners gave the approval.

Spinks brought a new grant to the meeting. This grant is called the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response grant and totals \$1,000.00. This grant was issued because the Health Department completed an annual survey. Spinks is asking for approval for the grant and to use the grant for shelving.

Gries motioned to accept this grant and purpose. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VSO / Butch Meredith – Not present at the meeting but provided his information.

For week of March 21, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 98 and the phone calls totaled 127.

For week of March 28, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 92 and the phone calls totaled 108.

For week of April 4, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 93 and the phone calls totaled 118.

Community Corrections and Probation/ Anna Ambs and Sylvia Holbrook

Amb presented the grant information for the Spencer County Drug Court, The Spencer County Jail Treatment, and the Spencer County Community Corrections. **Gries motioned to approve these grants. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Holbrook presented the grant information for Spencer County Probation. **Brown motioned to approve this grant. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

EMA / Mark Lautner and Stephanie Melton

Lautner discussed the need for maintenance work at all Fire VHF repeater and voter sites. Charlie McIntyre from Advanced Radio Communications was at the meeting to field any questions regarding the repairs. There was also discussion of a maintenance contract that with help with maintaining the systems for the future to avoid system failures. Lautner asked about the ARPA money to fund these repairs. Since the second round of the ARPA money has not been received yet, he can apply for the ARPA funding but will need to seek Council advice for the money needed to fix the critical equipment now. Lautner will attend the County Council today to discuss.

Melton discussed the condition of the radios. These radios are considered at the end of life and are not able to make the next phase of upgrade. She is working on a grant, due in May, to fully reimburse this cost of new radios. Each location receiving a new radio will be responsible for the upkeep and no additional costs will be request to the county. **Gries approved the request to pursue the grant. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Hwy Report / Gina Mullen

Mullen came to report the INDOT Community Crossings grant results. Spencer County will receive \$341,397.00 of the \$1 million requested. Only one (1) of the four (4) applications was approved. She reported there is enough money to cover the costs of the roads but it will cut the budget short for next year. **Brown motioned to allocate \$1 million of the ARPA money to the Highway Department for asphalt and paving. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Mullen asked if she should "resubmit" the roads previously submitted or should she submit new roads for consideration. The recommendation is to resubmit what she already submitted to see if they will be approved.

Auditor / Melissa Bunner

Bunner submitted a Cares Act Request for \$10,168.00. The SBOA submitted a statement of engagement costs for the audit of 2020. This statement states it can be paid with Coronavirus Relief Funds. **Gries motioned to accept this request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Legal Report

Lindsey presented a draft of Ordinance 2022-03 called "An Ordinance regarding Grants".

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

Lindsey discussed the Tiffany and Josh Carnes lawsuit and the request to settle. **Brown motioned to approve the insurance company to settle. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Gries asked if the Sheriff would share the SOP (standard operating procedures) for the officers with the Commissioners.

Old Business

Gries reported the 2nd Comprehensive Plan open house is completed. Kay Erwin has helped out a lot with this process. Updates will be brought to the May 2, 2022 meeting.

New Business

Mickey Smith came to discuss the option of applying for ARPA funding to provide improvements to Hatfield. The Auditor will send him the form and he can apply for funding.



Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.


President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

CORRECTION TO MEETING MINUTES DATED: MARCH 1, 2022

Under "Old Business"

The ARP Task Force has met and has made a recommendation for six (6) requests to be paid. They are as follows:

Highway Department was listed as \$278,921.00 and the correct amount is \$278,291.00.