

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**May 4, 2021**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner**

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

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for April 20, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Claims**

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4615, 4616, 4618, 4619, 4621, 4622, 4624, and 4625. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Health Department / Kim Hay**

Cases increased to 18 positive cases in isolation. As of today, the County is in the Blue. There have been 8,185 vaccines given. The Health Department is conducting "pop up" vaccine clinics after hours and on weekends to reach as many people as possible.

**VSO / Butch Meredith**

For week of April 19, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 81 and total phone calls totaled 113. For week of April 26, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 64 and total phone calls totaled 118.

There was one (1) veteran who passed away. His name is Mr. Donald Lehr.

Meredith provided a 2019 list of Spencer County Veteran Disability statistics.

They are as follows:

Total: Disability Compensation	302	
0% - 20% Service-Connected Disability Rating:	113	Male: 278
30% to 40% Service-Connected Disability Rating:	45	Female: 24
50% to 60% Service-Connected Disability Rating:	49	
70% to 90% Service-Connected Disability Rating:	64	
100% Service-Connected Disability Rating:	31	
Age 17 - 44:	60	
Age 45 - 64:	63	
Age 65 - Older:	179	

Meredith provided a completed quote from C & C Custom Cleaning for the stripping and waxing of the first floor of the courthouse. The total came to \$1,940.25. Seiler motioned to approve the quote. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meredith provided two (2) quotes for the exterior cleaning of the courthouse.

Jeremy Deeg \$17,250.00

Johnny Martin \$ 5,617.00

Seiler motioned to approve the quote from Johnny Martin. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meredith discussed the possibility of hiring a part time person to do custodial and light maintenance work. Eric Winkler handles maintenance issues around the courthouse but it takes some time to get him here. There is no back up for Donna (Custodian). He is asking if the Commissioners would consider taking this to the budget meetings to see if the Council would approve.

**Hwy Report / Dale Kenney**

Kenney has an employee that has used all the available FMLA time. He is requesting an additional 90 day leave of absence for his employee. Seiler motioned to approve the additional 90 days. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney provided information regarding a project he was working on for St. Meinrad. The sidewalks are collapsing around 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets. He is going to paint the sidewalks, so the hazards are highlighted for those walking. He is going to check the culverts and see if there is something that is obvious as to why the damage. He will get three (3) quotes on repairing the sidewalks and report back his findings.

**Community Cats / Kathy Stafford**

Stafford came to discuss the "Community Cats" project. She does not have a budget yet or a "not for profit" status yet. She is looking to start a Trap, Neuter, and Return program for feral cats in Spencer County. She has been in contact with it Takes a Village and the Humane Society. She is going to get more information and devise a plan. At that point, she will have a better understanding of her needs.

**Legal Report**

At a previous meeting, Lindsey provided Ordinance 2021-07 "An Ordinance Establishing An American Rescue Plan Fund And Authorizing Use In Accordance With Section 603(c)". Since that time, the County Council and Commissioners have motioned to utilize the APR funds as follows "to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure." Lindsey is providing Ordinance 2021-08 "An Ordinance Establishing A Plan For Use Of American Rescue Plan Funds". We are still waiting for the regulations to be released but this will fulfill the obligation of having a plan in place to receive the funds. Seiler motioned to adopt this Ordinance. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This Ordinance is adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.

Lindsey discussed the update on the comp time tracking. Lindsey has drafted a letter and has forwarded it to the Auditor for review and revisions, if needed. Once the letter is done and the payroll vouchers have been updated, the letters will be sent to all employees and department heads. The Auditor will provide an update when this is done.

The Commissioners were asking about an update on the certificate sale. Bunner provided an update. Currently, there is still one (1) more person that needs to pay. Once that payment is accepted, then all final reports can be done. Right now, everything is pending.

**Old Business**

Meredith asked the Commissioners if they have had an opportunity to review the four (4) Safety Manuals / Procedures he previously submitted for approval. The Safety Manual, The Courthouse Bomb Threat Plan, The Fire Evacuation Plan, and The Elevator Safety Plan. Brown motioned to accept all four plans. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**New Business**

Kim Fisher came to provide information on the 911 back up center. The radios are in and the next step is training for them. Eck-Mundy is working on the internet and replicated server. Spectrum is working on the internet installation.

Fisher brought Sean Scott from WTH to discuss Next Generation 911 (NG911). Basically, NG911 is a digital, internet protocol (IP)- based system that will replace the analog 911 infrastructure that has been around for decades. This NG911 will support new technology that allows the public to send digital data like videos, photos, and texts to PSAPs/ECCs, and enable telecommunications to share data with field responders, other PSAPs/ECCs, and other agencies and organizations as needed. One of the most important strengths of next generation call centers will be the ability to seamlessly, securely, and immediately transfer calls and data amount PSAPs/ECCs. There are four (4) main building blocks: the E911 (Emergency Services IP Network), Next Generation Core Services (NGCS), NG911 call taking equipment, and a geographic information system (GIS). These building blocks can provide better location accuracy and ONSTAR crash data from vehicles. There is a 60/40 grant that could help with this cost. The estimated cost of this system is \$33,110. There is money in the 911 to fund our portion. Seiler motioned to approve moving forward on this project. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Cares Act Requests:**

Health Department	OT	\$5,450.73
Health Department	Mileage	\$ 33.54
Health Department	labels, Stamps, Sharps Containers	\$ 530.17

Seiler motioned to accept all requests. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gries asked if the June 15, 2021 meeting can be moved to Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Brown motioned to approve the meeting date change. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

  
President

Attest:

  
Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



