

**Commissioners Meeting
May 18, 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 May 4, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4627, 4630, 4631, 4632, 4634, and 4635. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

Currently have four (4) positive cases. As of today, the County is in the Yellow. There have been 8700 vaccines given. The Health Department is continuing to do vaccine clinics on Wednesdays from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of May 3, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 109 and total phone calls totaled 133. For week of May 10, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 77 and total phone calls totaled 129.

There were two (2) veterans who passed away. They are Mr. Robert L. Cooper (Navy Veteran) and Mr. Don Kratzer (USMC Veteran).

Meredith provided a quote from Paul Davis Restoration for drying out the walls from the roof leak for \$4,931.91. The money allocated for the courthouse repairs has been used. To fund anymore repairs, an additional will need to be requested from the County Council.

Seiler motioned to approve an additional request for \$20,000.00 for courthouse repairs and upkeep. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

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. **No one made a motion to approved. Request denied.**

Kenney presented the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges for year ended December 31, 2020. **Seiler motioned to accept. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Keith Lester / Spencer County Resident

Mr. Lester came to discuss 2650 N 150 W. There is a building on a property line. This issue is a zoning issue and should be taken to Kay Erwin in Planning.

Spencer County Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold

Arnold came with Board Members Cheyenne Knox, Ashley Blankenbaker, and Faye Hedinger.

Blankenbaker presented the 2020 Annual Report. These are some things that were covered:

The 2020 Innkeeper's tax that was collected decreased 30% compared to 2019.

In 2020, the SCVB received \$26,033.68 in CARES funding to assist with wages and rent.

They also applied for and received an employee tax credit of \$14,830.00.

Two (2) themed websites were used to promote SC. SantaClausInd.org and IndianaAbelLincoln.org.

In 2020, the combined page views for the websites reached 851,610.

Destination Kiosks and social media are being used to promote tourism.

The SCVB worked closely with a team from HGTV network to film a 90-minute special in Santa Claus.

The SCVB has purchased land and is beginning discussions to build a Visitor's Center.

Legal Report

Lindsey discussed Resolution 2021-03. "A Resolution Establishing The Policy By Which Members Of The Board Of Commissioners Of Spencer County May Participate By Electronic Means of Communication".

Seiler motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-03. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey provided an update on the AK Steel settlement. Spencer County is expected to receive \$3.8 million dollars by the end of the week. Once received, the money will be distributed to the civil tax units.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Melissa Arnold asked if anyone has heard about the new "READI" grant.

Dana Franzman from Franzman Insurance will be here on June 14, 2021 to discuss the status of our insurance. Franzman provided a copy of the SHO Insurance "No Surprises Act" agreement. This new agreement basically covers the following three (3) requirements:

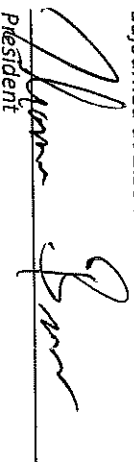
- A. The Act protects covered persons from surprise medical bills in situations where covered persons have little or no control over who provides their care, including nonemergency services provided by out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, emergency services provided by out-of-network providers and facilities and air ambulance services;
 - B. The Act increases transparency related to cost sharing, scope of coverage, claims payments, and direct or indirect compensation received by covered service providers;
 - C. The Act requires cost estimates, explanations of benefits paid, continuity of care, reporting to State all payer claims databases and strengthens parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.
- Gries motioned to accept the "No Surprises Act" agreement. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Cares Act Requests:

Health Department	Calibration kits, stamps	\$ 256.27
Health Department	Mileage	\$ 82.29
Health Department	Cavi Wipes, Surge strips	\$ 143.40

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

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 P.M.

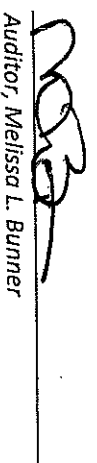


President



President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner