

Commissioners Meeting
June 14, 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 June 1, 2021, and the minutes for the Commissioner / County Council Executive Session on March 16, 2021 and the Commissioner / County Council Special Meeting on April 6, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Seiler made a motion to approve claim numbers 4649, 4651, 4652, 4656, 4657, and 4660. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

Cases are down to only 6 in isolation. As of today, the County is in the Blue. The Health Department has given over 9,000 vaccinations.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of May 31, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 57 and total phone calls totaled 112. For week of June 7, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 79 and total phone calls totaled 108.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney

Kenney provided updates on some of the work in progress. There is a tile project in Mariah Hill, drags are out today, and they are fixing washouts. Kenney asked if the media present would post something about drivers watching for the highway department working. He is looking out for the safety of his employees.

The Highway Department advertised for letters of interest for the Countywide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program. There were five (5) letters of interest submitted by the June 11, 2021, 2 P.M. deadline. They are from Clark Dietz, BLN, United Consultants, McClain, and Lockmuller. **Seiler motioned to take them under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Dana Franzman / Carolyn Beck

Beck discussed an overview of our current insurance policy and information pertaining to our renewal which is due June 30, 2021. The Deaconess One Care Health Plan, TrueScripts, Optum and Canarx were discussed. Since the Commissioners were hearing this presentation a day before the County Council, Brown suggested to Beck to meet with the County Council and then the Commissioners and the County Council will discuss and decide by June 30, 2021.

John Wetherill

Presented a Resolution for the town of Grandview to acquire two (2) vacant lots. One is on State Street, and one is on Grand Avenue. They have been vacant for a long time and not selling in the tax sales. Lindsey will review and bring back to the next meeting.

Rebecca Demascus & Rebecca Robling / Public Concern

Demascus has been a Real Estate Broker in Spencer County for 25 years. She received a call a few weeks ago from the Planning Office regarding one of her listings and she feels it was highly inappropriate. The call involved one of her current listings and she was notified there were concerns about this property having the proper permits. The complaint is about why she was approached with this and how it was handled by both Planning and Health. Brown notified them that the Commissioners do not have the authority to help with this issue. There is a Planning Commission Board and a Health Board that can address all their concerns.

LEDCC / Valerie Schmidt

Schmidt presented the LEDC Strategic Plan. She discussed the work plan, business growth and support, and quality of place as well as strategies. Next, she discussed the new Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). Neighboring counties, cities, and towns will identify their regions and create regional development plans that outline strategies to make positive developments in the region's quality of place and quality of life, innovation, entrepreneurship, and talent attraction and development. A READI committee will evaluate those plans and make funding recommendations to the LEDC board of directors. Based on those recommendations, the LEDC will award programs and projects that will support economic growth. The timeline of this initiative is short. Indiana regions have until July 1, 2021, to define their regions and to notify the LEDC of their intent to seek funding.

Gries motioned to approve affiliation with SWIDC. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

