

**Commissioners Meeting  
July 5, 2022**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Jeff Lindsey**

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:04 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for June 21, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Claims**

**Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 4963, 4971, 4972, 4973, 4974, 4975, 4976, 4977, 4978, 4979, 4981, 4982, 4983, 1984, 4986, 1987, and 4988. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Health Department / Kim Hay and Mindy Spinks**

Hay reported there are currently eighteen (18) active lab reported cases and approximately the same amount reported from home testing.

Spinks is following up on the request for approval for the Health Department to enter into an agreement with the Council on Aging. This agreement is for the Health Department Nursing staff, immunization supplies and equipment to be transported to and from school immunization clinic sites by a van and driver provided by the Council on Aging. Since the Council on Aging is not charging for this service, the Health Department is asking for a donation to be given for this service. Lindsey is reviewing this agreement and will bring it to the next meeting.

**VSO Report**

For week of June 13, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 108 and the phone calls totaled 143.

For week of June 20, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 79 and the phone calls totaled 98.

Flags are a half staff in recognition of those who lost their lives in the Highland Park shooting on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Flag Retirement celebration will be held next year on Flag Day. Meredith will be working with the Santa Claus American Legion for the Ceremony of Flags.

**Jail Bids**

The bids were for replacing new HVAC's at the jail. **Gries motioned to accept the bid from Mehlinger Heating Air Conditioning and Plumbing contingent on funding. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Ambulance Bids / Murray Stout**

This is an open bid for a Type III Ambulance. There were two submissions:

Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC	\$316,229.00
PennCare	\$199,500.00

**Brown motioned to take these bids under advisement to review. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Stout returned to the meeting after briefly reviewing the bids. He would like to table this until he has time to go through them thoroughly. **Gries motioned to take the bids under advisement until next month. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**SIHO / Carolyn Beck and Dana Franzman**

SIHO presented information about Deaconess OneCare. Encore has informed Deaconess OneCare that they are increasing their access fee as of September 1, 2022 for any new and renewing groups. This is advance notice that as of our renewal date on August 1, 2023 our access fee will increase by \$1.00. There was discussion about the Optum Transplant Policy Renewal effective August 1, 2022.

The current Reinsurance carrier IOA Re is offering a 1.1% increase on current plan design and options. There are three (3) options being offered. These options allow for a fixed cost reduction if the group is willing to take on more risk. **Brown motioned to accept the Option 1. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.** This plan is the plan comparable to the current plan. Franzman provided a copy of the Truscripts Amendment. This amendment was signed.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey stated he is still working on the draft of the "Interlocal Agreement between Spencer County, Indiana and Town of Santa Claus, Indiana concerning highway construction and maintenance".

Lindsey is also working on the Health Department / Council on Aging agreement.

Lindsey provided the Resolution 2022-01 "A Resolution Certifying the Spencer County Comprehensive Plan". **Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.** The Auditor will file in the Records Office.

Lindsey provided the Ordinance 2022-06 "Highway Department Compensatory Time". It states that overtime will be paid instead of accruing comp time. **Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This ordinance was adopted at first reading.**

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

EMA / Stephanie Melton is recommending a burn ban in the County. Brown motioned to approve the burn ban and keep it in effect until it is rescinded. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gries made a motion to request that all Board minutes be sent to the Commissioners and County Council. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. This would include all Boards with appointed board members.

Gries provided an update on County permits. There were nineteen (19) house permits issued which is an estimated \$6.2 million estimated costs in homes. There were thirty-three (33) garage / pole barn permits issued which is an estimated \$1 million estimated costs in garages / pole barns.

Gries provided an update from Todd Hays / Kay Erwin. There are currently seven (7) blighted properties under investigation.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 P.M.

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President



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Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

