

Commissioners Meeting
July 6, 2021

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Burner

Property Management Hearing

Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 12:58 P.M.

Winkler presented a property complaint located at 962 N CR 940 W, Richland Indiana. The first complaint was received on April 12, 2021. A second complaint was received on May 5, 2021. Winkler reached out to the property owner on five (5) different occasions to discuss the noncompliance. On May 28, 2021, Winkler left the property owner notifying her that if the property was not brought up to compliance, then there would be a \$200.00 fine plus costs to clean up the property. On June 3, 2021, a re-inspection was done and found the property to still be in noncompliance. A third complaint was received on June 24, 2021. On June 28, 2021, a Certified Notice of Violation was sent to the property owner with a demand to take action by July 5, 2021, and that failure to do so would result in a public hearing scheduled for July 6, 2021.

The Board of Commissioners found based on the evidence presented, the property is in violation of Section 2.0 and 3.0 of the Spencer County Property Maintenance Ordinance.

They further found that pursuant to Section 9.10 of the Ordinance, the violation had not been corrected and was therefore subject to a fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation within two (2) calendar years.

They further found that pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Ordinance, if the problem has not been corrected by July 13, 2021, Mrs. Winkler shall solicit quotes from contractors for the removal of any trash/junk on the property in violation of the ordinance.

They further found that pursuant to Section 9.12 of the Ordinance, that an invoice shall be issued to the property owner for the total costs of performing the work set forth by the Finding of Facts plus any fine that has not been paid with payment due within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.

Seiler motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gries made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

Commissioners Meeting

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

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve minutes for June 14, 2021, and Executive Session June 1, 2021. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4661, 4662, 4663, 4664, 4666, 4667, 4668, 4671, 4673, and 4675. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

No report.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of June 14, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 91 and total phone calls totaled 107. For week of June 21, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 70 and total phone calls totaled 109.

There were two (2) Veterans that passed away. Mr. Ullis Jones a Navy Veteran and Mr. Richard Greathouse an Army Veteran.

St. Meinrad Rock Fest / Carol Troesch

Troesch is asking to close 2nd Street in St. Meinrad (from the park shelter house, which is south of Brewery Street, to the ballfield area, near the Bristolw – St. Meinrad) to thru traffic, beginning on Friday, September 24, 2021 (afternoon) through noon on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Seiler motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

John Wetherill

No report.

Clerk / Darrell Stephens

Stephens is requesting COVID funds to pay for a project that will digitalize the marriage records for the time of 1818 – 2007. The quoted cost is \$39,042.00. This will be addressed at a future meeting once it is determined how much money is left in that fund. Stephens discussed the maintenance contracts in his budget. He is notifying the Commissioners that there is not enough money in his budgets to cover the contracts he currently has and will be adding it to the budgets for this year. He is going through to identify them and consolidate them if possible. Stephens let the Commissioners know about a storage / document retention meeting this coming Monday. We are at a critical point in storage, and he has asked David Shelton, Clerk of Knox County to come and give us some advice on how to consolidate, retain, and organize our space.

Probation / Sylvia Holbrook

Holbrook provided a copy of the Spencer County Probation Grant and Budget for CY 2022 Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grands award cycle.

Gries motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ambulance / Murray Stout

Stout is requesting approval for a remount on one of the vehicles. There is a chassis shortage, and he has the ability right now to get one from Goshen Indiana.

Seiler motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Stout is requesting to be the agent for the county in regard to the remount.

Gries motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Community Corrections/ Anna Amb

Amb provided a copy of three (3) grant applications and budget summaries. They are for the following:

CY2022 Spencer County Community Corrections grant

CY2022 Spencer County Jail TX grant

CY2022 Spencer County Drug Court Grant

Seiler motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Unsafe Buildings / Todd Hays

Hays started with the Rockport complaint. He has confirmed the hold up with the clean up is due to utility issues with Southern Indiana Power. The connection is underground and is taking some time to get disconnected. He is asking for an extension for the property owner.

Seiler approved an extension until August 3, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Hays presented an update to the Richland complaint. He is issuing a letter for a public hearing on August 3, 2021.

Hays discussed the Evanston complaint next. He has confirmed the property owner signed for a certified letter but has not received any acknowledgments from them. He will work on a fact-finding report and will bring it to the next meeting. He is also contacting companies for demolition quotes.

Indiana Regional 15 / Lisa Gelhausen

Gelhausen presented some grant options for 200 N. The first is from the Indiana Finance Authority which has a Transportation and Storm Water Grant. To deadline to apply is either 7/29/21 or 7/29/22. Will know by 8/20/21 if we receive the grant. This grant money will cover things like legal fees, engineers for planning, etc. Must express consent to apply.

The second option is from the ARP – infrastructure. The deadline to apply for this one is 7/15/21 or 7/15/22. This grant will be issued on 8/6/21.

The third option is from the READI grant. SWIDAC. The letter of intent has already been submitted. This one requires a 60% private investment, then 20% will be government and 20% will be the READI grant. This plan must be turned in by 8/31/21. The cost for our portion of the plan is \$8,350.00.

Gelhausen is following up on a request from Auditor Burner. Indiana Regional 15 provided a map to show updates but it is not correct. She will look at what needs to be done to correct it and update it.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney

Kenney is working on a project at exit ramp 231 and 66. Requesting an unofficial detour for a couple of days to finish the cleaning and sealing of the joints. The request is to detour to 200 N and then to Orchard Road. **Seiler motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.** This work is expected to be done in September.

Kenney discussed a policy change that was done back in January of 2014. It involves installing driveway culverts for landowners in the county. They do not have the time to do this and is asking if they can stop doing it after they finish the ones already on the list. He is asking if the landowner can find someone to do it and he can come out to be sure it is the right size before the start of the project, and then he can go back and be sure it is done right after it is installed. Lindsey is suggesting a list of specifications for landowners to use. Kenney is going to get more information and bring it back.

Highway Opening Bid / Dale Kenney

The bids are for the Bituminous Surfacing of CR1400N from SR545 to St Peters Church Road and St Peters Church Road from CR1100N to 1200N Wedge and Level areas only.

CR1400 N from SR545 to St Peters Church Road
E & B Paving: \$351,727.00
C & R Construction: \$477,108.50
J.H. Rudolph: \$364,169.50

St Peters Church Road from CR1100N to CR1200N Wedge & Level areas only

E & B Paving: \$ 96,713.00
C & R Construction: \$139,477.00
J.H. Rudolph: \$104,051.20

Total Bids:

E & B Paving: \$448,440.00
C & R Construction: \$616,585.50
J.H. Rudolph: \$468,220.70

Seiler motioned to take the bids under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney awarded the bids to E & B Construction for \$448,440.00.

Gries motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided a copy of the Mid States Corridor Regional Development Authority Audit. Informational only.

Willia Jean Miller passed away in 2018. In her will she left \$10,000 to the Union Chapel Cemetery in Spencer County for its care and maintenance. Since this is no longer an active cemetery, the administrators of her will are seeking a court order to transfer the money to the County Commissioners. Then, the Commissioners can transfer the money to the Trustee in Hammond County so the money can be sent to their local cemetery. **Seiler motioned to accept the money. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Old Business

Gries requested an update about the certificate sale from the Treasurer at the next meeting.

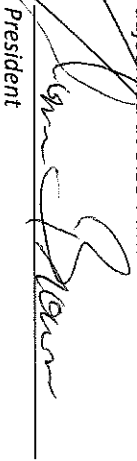
Gries would like to create an online form for anyone who wishes to apply for ARP money consideration. The form would be online and it would be posted on our website. This will be useful for the ARP Task Force. **Brown motioned to approve the creation of the form for our website. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

New Business

At the County Council meeting on June 15, 2021, Dana Franzman presented the insurance renewal information. They motioned to accept Option 1. **Seiler motioned to accept Option 1. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Kathy Seckinger from Fulda Regional Sewer District came to discuss the possibility of SWIF (State Water Infrastructure Fund) grant provided by the Indiana Finance Authority. They are asking for \$200,000 but will need a county match which could come from the ARP fund. **Gries motioned to accept the request contingent on County Council approval. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.


President

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Burner

