

**Commissioners Meeting
July 20, 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 July 6, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4678, 4680, 4681, 4682, 4683, and 4684. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Barb Ninke

Spencer County went from Blue to Yellow. There are thirteen (13) active cases. There is a vaccine clinic at Heritage Hills today and the Health Department accepts walk in's Monday through Friday.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of June 28, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 83 and total phone calls totaled 108. For week of July 5, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 85 and total phone calls totaled 192.

There was one veteran that passed away. Mrs. Barbara Jensen (USAF Veteran).

Meredith reported there are approximately 1600 veterans in Spencer County but only 400 have applied for benefits.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney

Currently working on bid projects. Kenney asked if the Commissioners would like to lock in a fuel price for the remainder of the year. This was last discussed at the November 4, 2020 meeting. The contract at that time was \$1.39 fuel, \$1.79 on road and \$1.24 off road. The motion was made to lock in that fuel price. The current request is for \$2.14 on road and \$2.15 off road. Gries motioned to approve for the remainder of the year. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

There was a bid opening for the Bituminous Surfacing of CR200N from Silverdale Road to Orchard Road and CR400 N from CR450W to Richland Limits and Various Wedge and Level areas only on CR400 N from Richland Limits to CR900W. The bids were accepted through July 20, 2021 until 2:00 P.M.

CR200 N from Silverdale Road to Orchard Road
E & B Paving: \$179,103.90
Metzger Construction: \$178,088.99
J.H. Rudolph: \$156,505.60

CR400N from CR450W to Richland Limits
E & B Paving: \$193,172.40
Metzger Construction: \$185,322.01
J.H. Rudolph: \$171,773.10

Various W & L areas on CR400N from CR400N from Richland Limit
E & B Paving: \$101,854.60
Metzger Construction: \$ 97,277.00
J.H. Rudolph: \$ 98,838.60

Total Bids: \$474,130.90
E & B Paving: \$460,688.00
Metzger Construction: \$427,117.30
J.H. Rudolph:

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

Kenney's recommendation is for JH Rudolph to receive the bid with a total bid amount of \$427,117.30.

Seiler motioned to award the bid to JH Rudolph. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Office / Elaine Jones

Jones was asked to come to the meeting to present an update on the Certificate Sale. The property sold at the Certificate sale may be redeemed at any time within 120 days (August 25, 2021) after the date of the sale. There were 160 properties sold. Total number on sale was 271. Net total is \$43,703.35.

EMA / Stephanie Melton
Melton is asking for road closure from August 12, 2021 to August 15, 2021 for the Owensboro Air Show and Bridge Day. This would be from County Road 710 South (River Road) from its intersection with County Road 100 West to its intersection with County Road 560 South and County Road 310 West (Under the "Blue Bridge") from its intersection with State Road 161. The closure would be from 12:00 P.M. (Noon) until 4:00 P.M. each day. There will be a public hearing that will be scheduled later. **Seller motioned to approve the road closure. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

The Commissioners asked about the status of the metal detectors and scanners. The parts needed have been ordered approximately two (2) months ago. This will include a key job system with ID's. Sheriff Reinke is working on the protocols.

Cares Act Requests

Clerk's Office	Glass Partitions	\$ 113.00
Clerk's Office	Marriage License Scan Project	\$39,042.00
Health Dept	Phones, Syringes, Milieage	\$324.01

Ninke reported the first contact tracer phone was disconnected on June 22, 2021. The second one was disconnected on July 19, 2021.

Seller motioned to approve the requests. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Port Authority Letter

The Commissioners signed a letter of support for the Perry County Port Authority's Rail Added Capacity Enhancement (RACE) Project. **Seller motioned to approve the letter of support. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Jason Toler submitted his resignation from the Port Authority Board effective immediately. John Obermeier submitted his letter of interest to replace Mr. Toler. **Seller approved the appointment. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Legal Report

Lindsey provided an update on the Union Chapel Cemetery request from Wilma Miller. In her will she has left \$10,000 to the Chapel. Also in the will, there is a half-acre along side the cemetery. The estate is asking that the half-acre also to be transferred to the Commissioners. Lindsey will follow up on the status as this process moves along.

Lindsey has provided an ordinance draft for review. It is "An Ordinance to Adopt Standards on Solar Energy Systems". The Planning Commission is working on Solar and Wind Farm changes to the zoning ordinance. This preliminary draft goes along with those changes. We cannot adopt that until the Planning Commission does the work / proposals. This will be tabled until after the next Planning and Zoning Commissions meeting.

Old Business

Murray Stout / Ambulance returned with updates from the last meeting regarding the ambulance remount. He sent out a request for information on rates and lease payments from local banks. He received a response from three (3) Banks and the information is as follows:

Old National Bank	2.05%
Freedom Bank	2.28%
Spencer County Bank	2.96%

Stout made a recommendation of Old National Bank at the 2.05%. **Gries motioned to approve Old National Bank at the 2.05%. Seller seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

The contract bid price for the remount is \$147,396.00. Only one (1) company has any available chassis currently. Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service LLC is the company being recommended by Stout. **Gries motioned to approve the contract with Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service LLC and the amount of \$147,396.00. Seller seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Hoosier Fire Equipment, Inc. and R Enterprises, LLC sent notification that neither had a chassis available at this time. Stout is asking if it is ok that only one (1) vendor applied. **Seller motioned to approve the one vendor. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Stout is asking that the Auditor type a letter approving him as the agent for the county. **Gries motioned to approve the letter. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Stout let the Commissioners know that the ambulance service is eligible to receive a reimbursement for lost revenues up to \$119,000.00. He has sent in the application and will provide an update when he hears something.

New Business

Councilman David Gogel was questioning a grant provided to the Health Department. The rate of pay was higher than the salary ordinance. There was also a question of the number of hours the grant approves over the approved hours set by the county. They discussed the approval process and does a grant need to be approved if it is different than the approved processes. Gries motioned to table this discussion pending additional information. Selier seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Selier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 P.M.




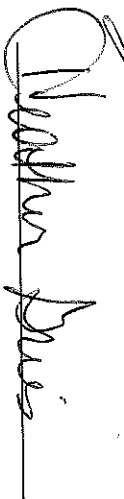
President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner





Stephen Gries