

**Commissioners Meeting
August 16, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for August 2, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 5010, 5011 5012, 5013, 5014, 5015, 5016, 5017, 5018, 5019, and 5020. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay and Mindy Spinks

Hay reported there are currently twenty-seven (27) active lab reported cases and double the amount in phone calls. The Health Department has free test kits available for anyone who wants one.

VSO Report

For week of July 25, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 106 and the phone calls totaled 131. For week of August 1, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 85 and the phone calls totaled 108.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Gabe Ward (Air Force Veteran).

Highway Report / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

Kenney provided an update on the property issue at the residence on 1250E. The driveway has been backfilled and packed, but more will need to be done to prevent the water from washing it out again. Gries will work on getting specs and Brown will work with Mehling to come evaluate.

Chip and seal projects going well on 2000. 800 is finished. Still quite a few left to do.

Gries let Kenney know she received a "Thank you" from a resident on County Road 2000.

Mullen provided a close out agreement to the Commissioners for 1600N. This was signed.

There was discussion regarding the NECS fuel reimbursement proposal. Mullen will reach out to NECS to see if someone can come to a meeting to give a presentation.

Annual bids are ready to be advertised. Looking at October for the bid opening.

Legal Report

Lindsey discussed the Ordinance Codification project. There is no ordinance in place to adopt at this time. Auditor Bunner will reach out to American Legal to see about getting extension. Updates will be brought to the next meeting.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Seiler received a call before the meeting to discuss a solar power informational meeting being held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 P.M at the YCC. He recommended all attend.

Brown discussed the need for funding for the courthouse repairs to the previous water damage. **Brown motioned to use ARPA funding. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Spencer County Resident Lana Kunkler came to the meeting to discuss an animal control issue. She was recently bitten by a dog which required stitches. She understands the courts have been involved and nothing is being done. She has been steered to the Health Department Board and the Sheriff's department. The dog owners are Nicholas and Amanda Kone and they have not been successful in containing the animal.

There was discussion regarding the recent letters sent out by the Surveyor for the Big Sandy Watershed public hearing. The meeting needs to be canceled. **Brown motioned to approve letters going out to cancel this meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

