

**Commissioners Meeting  
September 19, 2022**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 8:00 A.M.

**Minutes**

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for September 6, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Claims**

Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 5038, 5039, 5040, 5041, 5042, 5043, 5044, 5045, and 5046. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Health Department / Mindy Spinks**

Spinks reported that seasonal flu shots have arrived.

Gries asked about the status of the fillable complaint form discussed in the Health Department Special Meeting. This is still in progress and Gries is asking for a completion date of October 4, 2022.

**VSO Report / Butch Meredith**

For week of August 22, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 99 and the phone calls totaled 116. For week of August 29, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 90 and the phone calls totaled 137.

During Meredith's vacation, his office was painted. He reported back the work was done and they did a good job.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Roy "Don" Montgomery (Army Veteran).

**Spencer County Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold**

Arnold presented the Spencer County Visitor's Bureau 2023 Budget Summary and Projected Expense Budget. She discussed the projected income and the budgeted expenses in four (4) categories: Marketing Expenses, Operational Expenses, Employee Expenses, and Visitor Center Development.

**PSC / Wayne Blake**

Blake presented information regarding the status of the Spencer County broadband project.

The NLC Grants 104 and 107 (Rural Vectren, Unserved Towns) expire September 23, 2022. Grant 105 (Rural SIP) expires November 1, 2022.

Mainline fiber construction finished up in all grant areas in July.

As the grants wind to a close at the end of October, PSC and SIP will continue to support doing new drop activity for SIP and RDOF customers for the foreseeable future. Locations will no longer be differentiated as "funded" or "unfunded", and a \$200 drop fee will apply to all Spencer County customers (not including those in the PSC co-op).

PSC continues to promote the Indiana Connectivity Program for those Spencer County residents who are not within the SIP footprint or are SIP customers that want to ensure they will get connected in 2023.

The Commissioners are asking that Wayne Blake come back on November 15, 2022 to present another update to both Commissioners and County Council. They both meet on that day.

**Highway Department / Dale Kenney**

Kenney discussed the Short Johnnytown Road in St. Meinrad. He is asking to have a contractor come in with a camera to look at the first 30' or so of section in the culvert to see if he can see any issues there that could explain the problem.

Also, Kenney advised that all chip and seal projects will be done in the next 4-5 weeks.

At the last meeting, Tara Daming presented an "On Call Professional Services Agreement" from USI Consultants, Inc. The Commissioners motioned to accept this agreement. Today, Damin presented an "Authorization to proceed (ATP) form regarding USI providing On Call Bidding and Specification Assistance for Annual Paving and CCMG Projects. Gries motioned to accept this authorization. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**EMA / Mark Lautner**

Lautner presented a grant for a Communication System that is 100% reimbursable. Lautner is seeking permission to apply for the grant. The quote for the radios is \$19,623.54. Brown motioned to approve his request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey discussed the request to change Ordinance 2002-03 "An Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Weapons in County Buildings". The question is whether this ordinance will be limited for Courthouse only or allow for other Spencer County properties. The Commissioners would like for it to be Spencer County Elected Officials for all Spencer County properties.

Lindsey followed up on the Spencer County Interlocal Agreement. He has not heard anything else on this and is asking if he should pursue this agreement. Since this was initiated by Santa Claus, they can follow up when they are ready.

Gries is requesting an Executive Session for the Health Department Board and Health Officer to discuss personnel issues. Tentative date set for Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. Lindsey will prepare the notice.

**Old Business**

Gries recommended awarding Mehringer Heating and Plumbing for the bid on the HVAC ten (10) units at the jail for \$103,025.00. Gries made that a motion. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Commissioners were asking for a presentation from the Port Authority Scenic Railway. They presented an ARPA request for \$142,750.00. Lindsey will reach out to Logan Day to see if he can come to the next meeting to present his request).

Brown stated the Commissioners have already approved an ARPA request of \$1 million for the Highway Department.

Brown motioned to approve the Auditor's request of \$405,103.00 for new and updated software. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**New Business**

Bill Glenn came to ask permission to use the Courthouse restrooms for the Masonic Car Show this Saturday, September 24, 2022. Gries motioned to approve his request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Diane Unfried with Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum came to request the use of the courthouse auditorium in November. Since the auditorium is being used for other things right now, she was asked to present dates to see if it is possible to have available.

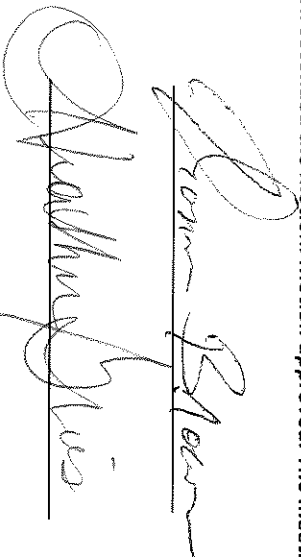
There was discussion on the locks on the doors. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The first signature is for the President, and the second is for the Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner. Both signatures are written in cursive and are positioned above their respective printed names.