

**Commissioners Meeting  
October 4, 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 September 19, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Claims**

**Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 5046, 5048, 5049, 5050, 5051, 5052, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5057, 5058, 5059, 5060, 5061 and 5062. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

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

**Hoy conveyed less than ten (10) positive COVID cases reported at this time. Seasonal Flu vaccines are ready to go.**

**OURSHOT.IN.GOV is back up and running again for anyone who wants to schedule a vaccine.**

**Spinks discussed the Child Restraint Device Distribution Program Grant. This grant has been in place since 2004. This grant provides car seats to the public free of charge. The next cycle begins October 1, 2022.**

**Spinks also discussed the Crisis CoAg extension. The next two (2) deliverables (5 & 6) were completed.**

**VSO Report / Butch Meredith**

**For week of September 5, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 94 and the phone calls totaled 123.**

**For week of September 12, 2022, Meredith was on vacation.**

**Spencer County Public Library / Jennifer Sitzman**

**Sitzman is asking for approval to use the courthouse lawn for a library event on Monday, October 10, 2022. The Certificate of Liability has been completed. Brown motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Community Correction / Sylvia Holbrook**

**Holbrook presented the quote from Secure Tech Systems for the panic buttons. The quote totaled \$2,110.00. Anna Ambs presented this to the County Council on August 16, 2022. The Council instructed Ambs to present to the Commissioners and if they approve then she has permission to advertise her request and bring back to the Council for approval. Brown motioned to approve the request and have her advertise out of Cum Cap. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Auditor / Melissa Bunner**

**Bunner presented a request to change the vision care provider. Currently, Spencer County is using Spectera / United Healthcare. They have dropped Dr. Joseph Sisley from the plan. The renewal for vision care is typically in April; however, SHO Insurance is offering a change to VSP Vision Care now. In comparison, the offered benefits are the same. The cost is a little less and will save the county approximately \$229.32 per year. Brown motioned to switch to VSP. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Legal Report**

**Lindsey brought Ordinance 2022-07 "Spencer County Board of Commissioners Prohibition Of Weapons In County Buildings". Brown motioned to accept this ordinance. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This ordinance was adopted at first reading.**

**Lindsey brought back the Spencer County Interlocal Agreement. This agreement concerns sections of Old State Road 245 and County Road 1475 N. Brown motioned to accept this agreement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This agreement will next be presented to the County Council for review and approval.**

**Lindsey is working on the ordinances and resolution codification project and will present at the next meeting.**

**Highway Department / Dale Kenney**

**1300 N in Lamar will start blacktop work on Tuesday. 1200 N is next followed by 600 E and last will be 800 N.**

**There was a bid opening for the Highway Department supplies for 2023. There are nine (9) bid packages:**

**Bid Package #1 was for fuel**

**Bid Package #2 was for rock**

**Bid Package #3 was for gravel**

**Bid Package #4 was for bituminous concrete mixtures**

**Bid Package #5 was for AEP prime**

**Bid Package #6 was for pipe**

**Bid Package #7 was for all steel bridge materials**

**Bid Package #8 was for ready mix concrete**

**Bid Package #9 was for contractor pricing**

There was one bid for Package #1. Synergy submitted the following:

Gas: 2.6768 / gal Firm  
On Road: 3.4654 / gal Firm

Off-Road: 3.4754 / gal Firm

**Brown motioned to take all bid packages except for the Package #1 Fuel and take them under advisement. He would like to lock in the Package #1 Fuel bids. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Old Business**

**No report.**

**New Business**

Logan Day came to present the Scenic Railway project that is currently in ARPA consideration. The request is for \$142,750.00. The funds would be utilized to rehabilitate a railroad siding at the former pressboard factory located at 10841 E County Road 1100 N in Evanston, Indiana. The existing sidetrack is in a state of disrepair and the train equipment cannot be safely moved across it. Once repaired, the track can be used to ensure consistent access for passenger excursion train operations in locations across Spencer County. Presently, the Spencer County Port Authority is requiring that the Ohio River Scenic Railway have access to a private siding where the train can be stored off the mainline prior to allowing meaningful access to train rides in Spencer County. Through at least 2025, the Perry County Port Authority has prohibited the train operator (Ohio River Scenic Railway) from moving the train across the Anderson River Bridge using their own employees. Therefore, there needs to be a private siding where the train can be stored at any time.

**Brown motioned to approve the ARPA funding request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Linda Sturgeon came to present the REO Water project that is currently in ARPA consideration. The request is for \$200,000.00. The funds would be used to make improvements to the REO Water, Inc. water system facilities to improve performance, replace aging infrastructure, increase system residual pressure in critical areas during peak demand periods, and provide looping of the network to eliminate dead end piping segments.

**Brown motioned to approve the ARPA funding request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Brown discussed Ordinance 2009-06 "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-10 Regarding Travel And Conference Expenses Incurred By Spencer County Officials And Employees". The parking fee was updated in 2018 but no changes have been made regarding the meals per diem. It is currently listed as follows:

Overnight travel meal reimbursement of actual cost with a maximum of \$26.00

Day travel meal reimbursement of actual cost with a maximum of \$13.00

**Brown has motioned to move the overnight meal reimbursement to \$60.00 and the day travel meal reimbursement to \$30.00. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 P.M.**

  
President

Attest:

  
Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



