

**Commissioners Meeting  
November 1, 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 minutes for October 18, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Claims**

**Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 5051, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5090, and 5091 except for Batch 5085 Claim No. 10 to Dorcholz Excavating. The work is not done so this will be brought back to the next meeting, if completed. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Health Department / Mindy Spinks**

No report.

**VSO / Butch Meredith**

For week of October 3, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 118 and phone calls totaled 147. For week of October 10, 2022, the total Veterans assisted this week was 102 and phone calls totaled 139.

Meredith asked permission for the Annual Employee Christmas Dinner at the Courthouse in the Rotunda. No date has been set yet, but it will be in December. **Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Meredith reminded everyone of the Veterans Job & Resource Fair on Friday November 4, 2022, from 11am to 2pm in the Courthouse rotunda.

**Highway Department / Dale Kenney**

Kenney is recommending all bids be accepted for the Annual Bids opened at the last meeting. **Brown motioned to accept all of the annual bids. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Kenney provided an update on 600 E. Priming will start tomorrow. The concrete date is coming soon.

There is an update from the August 2, 2022 meeting regarding the Lamar residents property complaints (County Road 1258). Lindsey issued a letter to both property owners advising them of the right of way and provided a sixty (60) day notice to remove the buildings/fence. One (1) of the property owners has not removed the fence. The road work being done on that road can not be completed until the fence is removed. Lindsey will follow up.

**Building Inspector / Todd Hays**

Hays is following up to four (4) unsafe building complaints from the September 6, 2022 Public Hearing.

Two (2) have already been torn down. Those are 519 N Silverdale and 2376 W State Road 66.

The 1116 N Cherry Street property owner has obtained a permit to make repairs.

The 734 W Eureka Road property owner called after the public hearing and told him it would be done by December 15, 2022. **Brown motioned to allow an extension until December 15, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Hays presented four (4) new unsafe building complaints.

9463 W County Road 70 N, Hatfield. **Gries motioned to approve sending a letter for a public hearing. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

9391 W Old State Road 66, Hatfield. **Brown motioned to approve sending a letter for a public hearing. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

9420 W County Road 70 N, Richland City. **Gries motioned to approve sending a letter for a public hearing. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

1102 N County Road 900 W, Hatfield. **Brown motioned to approve sending a letter for a public hearing. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

A thirty (30) day letter will be sent, and a public hearing will be scheduled at that time.

**Koorsen Fire & Security**

Brown discussed the Proposal for Repair / Deficiency for the emergency lighting systems. There are five (5) that have failed inspection but all eighteen (18) need repair. This proposal is for \$48.75 each. **Brown motioned to approve fixing all eighteen (18) and will bring back quotes for the cost of the electrician to do the work. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Indiana 15 Regional / Lisa Gelhausen**  
Rescheduled for a future meeting.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey presented and read the Resolution "Veterans Day Resolution Of Gratitude".  
**Gries motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. This resolution is adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.**

Lindsey provided an update on the codification project for the ordinances and resolutions through American Legal. The current draft does not include zoning or personnel handbook. Currently there are approximately 500 plus pages. The contract stated 600. There will be an additional cost of \$19 per page. Estimating about an additional 500 or so pages. **Brown motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Lindsey discussed the subdivision ordinance. Since they just got the ordinance today, they would like to review and set up a date for which they can meet and review together. Lindsey will send some dates out and get it scheduled.

Brown asked about electronic signs and if Lindsey knew of any ordinances related to it. Lindsey is not aware of any current ordinance encompassing electronic signs.

**Old Business**

As of Tuesday, November 1, 2022, the burn ban for Spencer County has been rescinded until further notice.

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

Gries discussed the ARPA funding for Rockport and Roll, LLC. She announced that earlier today, the \$8.4 million project was approved by the Indiana First READI Region for a Preliminary amount of approximately \$480,000 for Spencer County. It will now go through a three (3) preliminary approval phases with Ernest & Young along with two (2) LEDC preliminary approval phases. **Gries motioned to present \$100,000 for the beginning construction of the roads and \$100,000 once the 25 units are completed as support to the Spencer County housing development. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Town of Chrisney / Kim Litkenhus - Clerk Treasurer for Town of Chrisney, Drew Flamion – Commonwealth Engineers, and John Graham – Utility Superintendent for the Town of Chrisney**

All three (3) came to follow up on the request for the ARPA funding from the last meeting. The request is for the improvements to the Towns wastewater infrastructure. The Town is requesting consideration from the County to fund all or a part of their match for the OCRA Grant. The amount requested is \$482,500.00. The Town must have their match secured before they submit their application to OCRA in early 2023.

**New Business**

The Sheriff's department has a drone that needs to be insured for liability insurance only. There were two (2) quotes for this insurance:

HCC \$1,300

Arlington Roe \$1,800

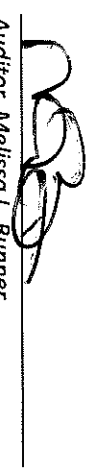
**Brown motioned to approve the \$1,300 HCC quote. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 P.M.**

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Burner

