

**Commissioners Meeting
November 2, 2021**

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

Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for October 19, 2021. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4758, 4760, 4761, 4762, 4763, 4764, 4765 and 4769. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of October 11, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 74 and the phone calls totaled 113. For week of October 18, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 43 and the phone calls totaled 71.

Meredith discussed having signs made to get the word out of his services. He had ten (10) yard signs made and will be placing them throughout Spencer County. He will have more made next year.

Meredith provided pictures of the chimney that was repaired this week.

Health Department / Kim Hoy

Cases are down. There are currently 14 in isolation. Continuing to have clinics and give vaccines. Also, giving flu shots.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney

Kenney provided a bridge contract for United Consulting. The contract was signed. Seiler motioned to approve the **United Consulting contract. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

At the last meeting, all of the supply bids were accepted. However, the notification stated it would be awarded at this meeting. As a courtesy, the bids were accepted again for all of the supply bids at this meeting. **Brown motioned to accept all of the supply bids opened at the last meeting. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Brown asked Kenney about a note he received from Universal about the Bridge 248 that is still on our list to be repaired. Since there is money in the bridge funds, he would like to get approval to go ahead and get quotes to get it replaced and we can encumber the money to pay for it. This bridge is located at 1850 N between 162 and Fulda Shortcut.

Brown motioned to approve money for bridge 248 project and encumber for next year. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Surveyor / Bid Opening 4-Wheeler

There was one (1) bid received. It was from John Swanker in the amount of \$601.00. **Gries motioned to accept the bid. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Auditor / Melissa Bunner

Bunner presented a draft of the 2022 Holiday Schedule.

Seiler motioned to accept the Holiday Schedule. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bunner presented a request from the Sheriff. She is requesting one (1) Officer (Lt.) get paid out seven (7) vacation days and (5) holidays and 102 Comp Hours. This request is due to officer shortage with hiring and academy. The total comes to \$4,731.00. She already has the funding. **Seiler motioned to approve this request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Cares Requests

The Health Department (Billy Young and Mindy Spinks was present) is requesting \$3,588.84 to pay out the vacation time for both nurses.

Seiler motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bunner presented two (2) requests. The first request totals \$2,152.55 and will pay out the vacation time for a Deputy Auditor. The second request is for \$3,621.41 to pay out the accumulated comp time on the same Deputy Auditor.

Gries motioned to accept this request. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey will work on the ordinances to allow the vacation payouts and bring to the next meeting.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided a draft of Ordinance 2021-12 "Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana establishing County Commissioner and County Council Districts for Spencer County, Indiana" This Ordinance would amend Ordinance 2011-14 and Ordinance 2012-06.

Sailer motioned to take this under advisement and table until the next meeting to give him an opportunity to review it. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Gries announced that Economic Development is working on the READI process that is coming down from the State. In this process she came across some numbers she wanted to share to show the positives for our County with the progression of new homes.

- 2020 56 New Homes built in the unincorporated
- 29 New Homes built in corporated towns
- 2021 42 New Homes built in the unincorporated
- 35 in the corporated cities and towns

Sailer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

