

Commissioners Meeting
March 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 the minutes for February 15, 2022. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claim numbers 4857, 4859, 4861, 4863, and 4865. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

Only 10 in isolation. According to the CDC scale, Indiana is in the "Orange". The Health Department will continue to do the vaccine clinics on Wednesdays.

Brown motioned to nominate Joshua Poos for Health Officer. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of February 7, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 114 and the phone calls totaled 186. For week of February 14, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 92 and the phone calls totaled 114.

Hwy Report

No report.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided an update on the Lamar property discussion from the last meeting. He talked with the property owner and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Lindsey received a request from Indiana Regional 15 seeking support from the Commissioners on behalf of the Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District. The PLRWSD is seeking Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding for a proposed new water storage tank.

Gries motioned to approve the letter of support. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Spencer County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center Grounds 2022 mowing season bid openings.

2022 Mowing Season Base Bid (Courthouse Grounds)
Terry's Lawn Care / Service \$100.00 / week
Robinson Landscape \$ 75.00 / week

2022 Mowing Off - Season Alternate #1 (Courthouse Grounds)
Terry's Lawn Care / Service \$100.00 / month
Robinson Landscape \$ 35.00 / month

2022 Mowing Season Base Bid (LEC Grounds)
Terry's Lawn Care / Service \$50.00 / week
Robinson Landscape \$55.00 / week

2022 Mowing Off - Season Alternate #1 (LEC Grounds)
Terry's Lawn Care / Service \$ 50.00 / month
Robinson Landscape \$ 20.00 / month

Monthly Trimming
Terry's Lawn Care / Service no bid submitted
Robinson Landscape \$136.00 / month

Brown motioned to take these bids under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

The Lincoln Heritage Public Library made a recommendation to appoint Jill Lasher to the Lincoln Heritage Public Library Board.

Brown made a motion to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Brown provided an update regarding TSW Consultants. They are scheduled to give a presentation to the County Council at the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Gries also provided an update regarding the Spencer County Comprehensive Plan. There will be two (2) public meetings held to get feedback from the public. The first meeting will be held on March 28, 2022 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the YCC Building. The second meeting will be held on April 18, 2022 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the

YCC Building. The results and feedback from these meetings will be reported back to the Planning Commission by May 15, 2022.

Gries provided an update for the American Rescue Plan funds. The ARP Task Force has met and has made a recommendation for six (6) requests to be paid. They are as follows:

4H Building	\$800,000.00
Mariah Hill Water Line	\$600,000.00
Diffusers (Ambulance Svs)	\$ 30,842.50
Highway Department	\$278,921.00
EMA Laptops	\$ 3,500.00
Ambulance Svs – New Ambulance	\$280,000.00

There were other requests made and those are still in consideration. The Task Force will be asking for additional information.

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

New Business

Spencer County Resident Jeff Langebrake came to the meeting to discuss the condition of County Road 2100N. Langebrake provided a handout showing pictures of the roadway and ditches in need of repair. He also had some concerns about the speed limit on this road and would like speed limits signs to be posted. This needs to be looked at closer to see what can be done to help with this road.

John Stoker, a resident of Santa Claus and a representative of the Southwest Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life came to follow up on the comprehensive plan. He is following up to see if a task force will be assembled for the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan. Gries repeated the dates and times of the upcoming meetings and stated there was no plan for a task force at this time.

President Seiler called for a brief 10 – 15 recess to review the mowing bids. This was at 3:40 PM.

Seiler reconvened at 3:43 PM.

Brown made a motion to award the mowing bid to Robinson Landscaping. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.


President

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner


