

**Commissioners Meeting
August 17, 2021**

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

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

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4709, 4711, 4713, and 4714. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hey

Spencer County is in the "Red". Masks are recommended. There have been 27 positive cases today. Rockport Elementary School has gone virtual. It is estimated that 45% of Spencer County has been vaccinated. There are 140 positives in isolation. There is an estimated 1000 in quarantine.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of June 26, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 68 and total phone calls totaled 85. For week of August 2, 2021, the total Veterans assisted this week was 87 and total phone calls totaled 123.

Hwy Report / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

Mullen presented a spreadsheet of L.R. & S. Distribution, M.V.H. Distribution, and LIT Distribution showing the revenue differences from 19-20. She is asking about recouping revenue loss through the American Rescue Plan. She has been asked to email the Auditor to get a form and submit the request to the Auditor who will forward it on to the ARP Task Force.

Kenney came to discuss a bridge replacement on SR68, 0.95 miles E of SR161. INDOT has determined that a detour involving County Roads will be necessary while the work is being done. The Unofficial Detour will be as follows: East on County Road 1950N (Chinn Road) from Warrick County Line. INDOT expects SR68 to be closed for approximately 90 days. INDOT will set up and maintain the necessary traffic control for the Official Detour route or arrange with others to furnish the necessary items.
Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kenney provided a list of equipment for sale. This will be advertised, and the sealed bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. They will be opened in the Commissioner Meeting that day.
Gries motioned to approve the list. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided Resolution 2021-07 for review. This Resolution establishes the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) Fund to provide grants or loans to eligible regional economic acceleration and development organization. It indicates that Spencer County, desires to move forward with LEDC and Region 15 in the creation of the READI Regional Plan to submit to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation by the August 31, 2021, deadline. It also indicates it shows support to Southwest Indiana Development Council (SWIDC). Gries is requesting a list of the projects being submitted for consideration.
Gries motioned to approve Resolution 2021-07. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey provided Resolution 2021-08 for review. This Resolution pertains to COVID-19. In summary, it states they fully support and respect the right of citizens to make decisions regarding their own families.
Seiler motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey has provided an update on the ordinance draft from the last meeting. It is "An Ordinance to Adopt Standards on Solar Energy Systems". He clarified some of the confusion between setbacks and buffer zones. There was concern from the public in regard to building in a flood plain so this was added.
Seiler motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-11. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

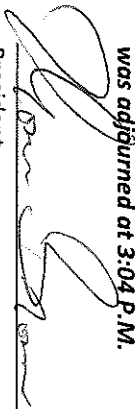
Old Business

The ARP form is available from the Auditor at Spenceraud@pscl.net. Anyone requesting funding will need to send an email. Once the Auditor receives the form back, it will be forwarded to the ARP Task Force for review.

New Business

Gries motioned to move the Tuesday, September 21, 2021, meeting back to Monday, September 20, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M.



President



Seiler

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Gries