

**Commissioners Meeting
September 6, 2022**

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

Public Hearing / Todd Hays

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

The public meeting today is for four (4) property complaints. Letters were mailed August 15, 2022 and today is the public hearing to address the complaints. They are as follows:

519 N Silverdale Road, Rockport, Indiana 47635. The property owner contact Hays and has agreed to demo the house. Updates will be provided as they become available.

2376 West State Road 66, Rockport, Indiana 47635. The property owner appeared at the hearing. She has agreed to demo the property and is asking for any information on contractors who can do this type of work. Her contact information was given to Hays and he will follow up as information becomes available.

734 W Eureka Road, Rockport, Indiana 47635. The property owner signed the receipt of receiving the letter but has not contacted Hays and did not appear at the hearing today. He has until October 14, 2022 to comply with the letter / order.

1116 N Cherry Street, Richland, Indiana 47635. The property owner did not sign the receipt receiving the letter and he did not contact or appear at the public hearing. He has until October 14, 2022 to comply with the letter / order.

The next public hearing is scheduled for October 18, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. to follow up on the complaints discussed today.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Commissioners Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for August 16, 2022. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 5021, 5022 5023, 5024, 5025, 5026, 5027, 5028, 5029, 5031, 5032, 5033, 5034, and 5035. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hoy and Mindy Spinks

Hay reported there are currently seven (7) active lab reported cases. The Health Department has new vaccines ready to go today and they will be available from either Pfizer or Moderna.

VSO Report

For week of August 8, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 84 and the phone calls totaled 93.

For week of August 15, 2022, total Veterans assisted this week was 68 and the phone calls totaled 117.

Happy 77th Birthday to Butch!

Tommy Gunn / Road Closure Request

Gunn presented a request to close part of Plum Street to hold a Customer Appreciation event. It will be on September 10, 2022 from Saturday morning to Sunday morning. The road closure would be from 545 to the end of his parking lot. **Brown motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Spencer County Public Library / Jennifer Sitzman

Sitzman was unable to present today due to illness. Auditor Bunner presented her request for use of the courthouse lawn on September 16, 2022 and October 21, 2022. **Gries motioned to approve the request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Community Corrections / Anna Ambis

Community Correction was not present.

Jail HVAC Opening Bids

Opening sealed bids for New HVAC replacement at the Spencer County Jail rooftop.

Messmer Mechanical \$ 87,000.00

Huntingburg Machine Works \$111,895.00

Mehninger Heating & Plumbing \$100,025.00

Brown motioned to table. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Highway Bid Opening / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

Opening sealed bids for the design and build to include removal and construction of County Bridge No. 248 over Crooked Creek on County Road 1850 N.

CLR, Inc. \$248,812.50

Durcholz Excavating, Inc. \$182,475.00

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

Kenney reviewed the bids and made a recommendation to award the bid to Durcholz. **Brown motioned to approve this recommendation. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

NECS / Andy Kasprzak

Kasprzak provided a Professional Service Agreement for the Highway Department for Tax Recovery Services. NECS will collect 33% of amounts recovered. This agreement is good for three (3) years from the date it is signed. **Brown motioned to approve the contract with NECS. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Legal Report

Lindsey discussed the County Council's request to change Ordinance 2002-03 "An Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Weapons in County Buildings". Due to meetings being held in the evenings and no security is provided during this time, the County Council would like permission to carry firearms. **Brown motioned to approve changing to elected officials having permission to carry firearms. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Old Business

Gries provided an update on the animal control issue from the last meeting. The dog has been removed from the home.

New Business

Tara Darning presented an "On Call Professional Services Agreement" from USI Consultants, Inc. **Brown motioned to enter into this agreement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Auditor Bunner presented a request from Mark Phillips with Bethel Christian Church. He is requesting the use of the courthouse lawn for the "See you at the pole" event on September 20, 2022 for approximately one (1) hour. **Gries motioned to approve this request contingent on liability of insurance being provided. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Stephanie Melton provided information on the free cyber security training being offered.

Melton discussed the re-keying of the external courthouse doors.

Brown motioned to recess to review the HVAC bids. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This meeting was recessed at 3:49 P.M.

Brown motioned to end recess. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting convened at 3:59 P.M.

Brown motioned to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The next meeting is Monday, September 19, 2022.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 P.M.

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

