

*Commissioners Meeting  
November 16, 2021*

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

***Unsafe Buildings Public Meeting / Todd Hays***

*Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 1:30 P.M.*

*This public meeting was set for the Evanston location. Hays provided an update on the change of ownership on this house. As of yesterday, there are new property owners. Hays has been in contact with the new property owners and the intention is to tear down the house. He will continue to bring updates.*

*The Orchard Road location is complete. The only question was about the septic system. The property owner notified Hays she has permission to keep the existing septic system intact. He will verify and provide an update.*

*This coming Saturday, November 20, 2021, demolition will begin at the Richland location.*

*Lindsey presented the Agreement for Unsafe Building Services. This agreement specifies that Hays will be compensated \$30.00/hour for performing services to enforce the Spencer County Unsafe Building Ordinance. This compensation may include time incurred in investigating and inspecting unsafe building complaints, preparing, and presenting reports, preparing, and soliciting bids, and attending meetings. **Seiler motioned to accept this agreement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

***Gries made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.***

***Commissioners Meeting  
November 16, 2021***

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

*Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 1:59 P.M.*

***Minutes***

***Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for November 2, 2021. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

***Claims***

***Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4774, 4775, 4776, and 4777. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

***Health Department / Kim Hay***

*There are currently 20 active cases in isolation. Spencer County is in the "yellow" this week. The Health Department continues to have COVID Clinics every Wednesday. Approximately 47.9% of Spencer County is fully vaccinated.*

***VSO / Butch Meredith***

*For week of October 25, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 79 and the phone calls totaled 119. For week of November 1, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 88 and the phone calls totaled 122.*

*There were two (2) Veterans that passed away. Mr. Steve Byrne an Army Veteran and Mr. Thomas Fleischmann a Navy Veteran.*

*Meredith provided an update on the courthouse inspections. Boilers have been inspected and are running great. The cap on the chimney looks good and there has been no evidence of any leaks.*

*Meredith thanked the local newspapers for the articles they have put in print about him, and the services the Veterans' Office provides. He is trying to reach all 1600 Spencer County Vets to see how he can help them.*

*He also asked the Commissioners if they would support the Courthouse Christmas Dinner. Estimated date being December 17, 2021.*

***Gries motioned to approve the reinstatement of the dinner. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

***Assessor / Bid Opening***

*There was one (1) bid received from Tyler Technologies. This bid is for the Spencer County 2022 – 2026 Cyclical Reassessment and Annual Adjustment. The bid was for \$475,608.00.*

***Brown motioned to table this bid until the next meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

**Auditor / Bid Opening**

There were two (2) bids received for Workers Compensation Insurance and Risk Management Services. Dale State and Shephard Insurance bid \$58,749.00.

Amenity Insurance submitted two (2) bids. One for \$54,153.00 and \$56,297.00 + 4%.

**Seller motioned to stay with Dale State & Shephard Insurance. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Kincaid Insurance sent an email thanking the County for the opportunity to quote the workers compensation insurance and after careful consideration decided to not move forward to secure a quote.

**Hwy Report / Dale Kenney**

Kenney brought an Indiana Department of Transportation – County Bridge Inspection Contract for the County Commissioners to review and sign. This contract reads “through the cooperation of the County, INDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration, the following project has been approved. The County-wide Bridge Inspection and Inventory Program for Cycle Years 2022 through 2025 under Des. No. 2100154 which provides for the inspection of all bridges owned or maintained by the County.”

**The Commissioner signed the contract.**

**Joe Wheatley / John Wetherill**

This is a follow-up to the March 16, 2021 meeting. At that time, Wheatley discussed road 575 W which runs by his house in the Sand Ridge subdivision. This road is a cul-de-sac, and the road needs work. The original design was for the cul-de-sac to be 100 feet in diameter. He is finding this is not enough room for school buses, trash pickup, and a neighbor’s horse trailer to turn around. Because of this, the vehicles are driving across the front of his lot causing extensive damage. Dale Kenney is going to take a look at this road and he will provide his recommendations to the Commissioners.

**Cares Requests**

The Health Department (Bill Young and Windy Spinks was present). They have three (3) requests.

Door Screeners. First request was for \$8,100.00 for expected work through year end. Changed request to \$5,399.72 for expected hours through year end.

Contact Tracers. First request was for \$8,400.00 for expected work through year end. Changed request to \$1,977.98 for expected hours through year end.

OT for Nurses. First request was for \$24,406.00 for OT already worked and OT expected to work to year end. Changed request to \$4,795.51 for only OT hours already worked. This would be as follows:

Nurse 1: balance of 65 hours totaling \$2,585.95

Nurse 2: balance of 55 hours totaling \$2,209.56

**Seller motioned to approve. There was no seconded. Motion not approved.**

The Assessor (Janie McGinnis) had one (1) request. This request is for transaction shelving and protective acrylic shields for the desks. The total quote is for \$2,364.75.

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

**Visitors Bureau / Ashley Blankenberger**

Blankenberger provided a copy of the 2022 Budget Summary for the Spencer County Visitors Bureau, Inc.

2021 Projected Income \$303,290 2022 Budgeted Expenses \$373,239

2022 Projected Income \$519,201 2022 Budgeted Expenses \$528,557

**Breakdown**

2021 Marketing \$156,815 2022 Marketing \$273,856

2021 Operational \$ 53,640 2022 Operational \$ 68,445

2021 Employee Expense \$162,234 2022 Employee Expense \$166,256

2021 Visitor Ctr Dev \$0 2022 Visitor Ctr Dev \$ 20,000

Ending balance checking & regular savings as of October: \$629,614

November and December 2021 Projected income: \$ 73,502

November and December 2021 Projected expenses: \$ 83,516

\$619,600

**Legal Report**

Lindsey brought back 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.

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

Lindsey brought Ordinance 2021-13 from the last meeting. This Ordinance approves the vacation payout as described in the last meeting.

**Seller motioned to approve this Ordinance. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Lindsey asked to revisit the Comprehensive Plan previously presented. Per IC 36-7-4-510, if the Commissioners decide to reject or amend the Comprehensive Plan, then the plan gets returned to the Planning Commission for its consideration with a written statement of reasons for its rejection or amendment. They will have sixty (60) days to respond.

Until a Resolution is adopted rejecting or amending the Comprehensive Plan, no action will be taken.  
**Brown motioned to amend the comprehensive plan. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

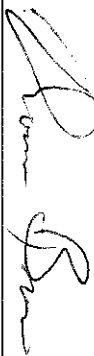
**Old Business**

No Report.

**New Business**

No Report.

**Seller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.**

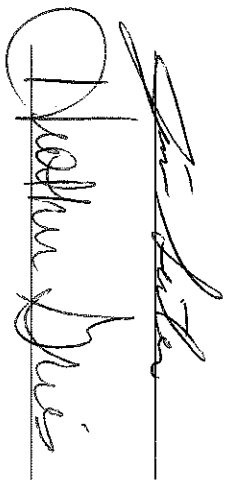


President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Stephen Gries