

**Commissioners Meeting
December 21, 2021**

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

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

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for December 7, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Seiler made a motion to approve claim numbers 4793, 4794, 4797, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4805, 4806, 4807, 4808, 4809, 4812. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

There are currently 90 active cases in isolation. There are four (4) hospitalized and have had four (4) deaths. Spencer County is "Red".

I Am Responding Contract

There was discussion about whether to keep this contract or stop the service. The cost is \$24,235 for a three (3) year contract or \$37,820 for a five (5) year contract.

Seiler motioned to approve to fund the I Am Responding contract. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Seiler amended his motion to include accepting the three (3) year contract. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of November 22, 2021, this was a holiday and vacation week.

For week of November 29, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 119 and the phone calls totaled 187.

For week of December 6, 2021, total Veterans assisted this week was 127 and the phone calls totaled 143.

Hwy Report

No Report.

Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold

The Visitor's Bureau is in the process of applying for the Economic Development Administration's Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Program to help fund the construction of a new county visitors center. Arnold is asking for a letter of support from the County Commissioners. There will be a feasibility study to determine if the visitors center is the right step forward.

Gries motioned to approve the letter and the process of applying for the grant. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chris Middleton

Middleton brought a 2021 – 2022 Spencer County Insurance Comparison. There will be no rate increase for 2022. There were things added and the cost will be associated with adding those items. The Annual premium will be \$235,571.00.

Gries made a motion to accept the quote for the liability insurance for the County. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Middleton also discussed a secondary insurance regarding Cyber. **Gries motioned to table this discussion until Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 8:00 am for a Special Commissioners meeting. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.** This will give them an opportunity to get other quotes to compare.

Legal Report

Lindsey presented Ordinance 2021-14 "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-14, and 2020-04 Property Maintenance Ordinance".

Seiler motioned accept Ordinance 2021-14. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Lindsey stated he will follow up on the subdivision ordinance for everyone to review.

Old Business

Brown discussed the TSW proposal for LEDC and is looking for other quotes / proposals.

Lindsey presented Resolution 2021-12 that was presented at the last meeting by J. Wetherill.
Seiler motioned to accept Resolution 2021-12. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

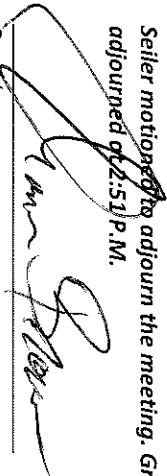
John Stoker, a resident of Santa Claus and a representative of the Southwest Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life. He has some questions in regard to how the Commissioners are going to set up a task force for the Comprehensive Plan. He would like to offer his services. Brown let him know the next step is to find an engineering firm that has worked with comprehensive plans and can help us facilitate our plan and then a task force can be formed. The Commissioners will exchange contact information.

Murray Stout came to the meeting to update the Commissioners on the ambulance purchased earlier in the year. It is finishing up and will be ready for pickup on January 3, 2022.

Heidi Young came to the meeting to introduce herself. She is the new Executive Director of LEDC.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

