

**Commissioners Meeting
February 16, 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 minutes for January 19, 2021 and February 2, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Claims

Seiler made a motion to approve claim numbers 4562, 4563, 4566, 4568, and 4570. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

There are currently 2262 cases. 26 positive cases in isolation. 27 deaths and almost 2200 recovered. Currently allocated 600 doses a week. Vaccine clinics being held on Wednesday and Thursdays with a Saturday one time a month. For April and May, the Saturday vaccine clinic will be held at Heritage Hills High School. Those are scheduled for April 10, 2021 and May 8, 2021.

Jane Stout would like to acknowledge some businesses that donated items for the February 6, 2021 clinic. Kimball donated gift bags to all volunteers. David Gogel donated pizza. Spencer Industries will be donating food, catered by The Chateau, for the March 6, 2021 clinic. Jenk's will be providing pizza for the Heritage Hill High School clinics. A special thanks to all who volunteered or donated to these events.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of January 25, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 70 and total phone calls totaled 112. For week of February 1, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 81 and total phone calls totaled 127.

Hwy Report / Bid Opening

There were four (4) bids received for the Bituminous Surfacing of CR 1250 N from SR 231 approach to SR 62 approach project.

E & B Paving	\$247,358.00
C & R Construction	\$291,954.00
J.H. Rudolph	\$243,585.90
Metzger Construction	\$264,439.00

Seiler motioned to take the job bids under advisement. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Melton brought the Resolution of Spencer County Adoption of the Spencer County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose is to lessen the effect of a disaster. FEMA approved in April. This is reviewed every six (6) years. Gries motioned to adopt the plan. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

PSC / Southern Indiana Power

Wayne Blake and Darren Brown with PSC and Steve Seibert with (SIP) Southern Indiana Power brought an update on the NLC (Next Level Connections Broadband Grant) project for Spencer County.

All four (4) fiber distribution huts have been completed. They are located in Grandview, Chrisney, Dale and Reo.

Southern Indiana Power has completed make-ready work on 590 poles with 114 left to go.

Making good progress with Vectren in Gentryville area, in addition to Grandview, to utilize pole infrastructure versus buried as originally planned.

OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) is satisfied that PSC and SIP are doing all that can be done considering challenges arising from COVID. (PPE requirements, questionnaires, coordinating with homeowners, supplier shortages, recent inclement weather, and poor labor availability). Given these issues, PSC and SIP are hopeful OCRA will extend this project deadline into early 2022.

The Revised Build Out Schedule is as follows:

	Start	Finish
Phase 1 – Rocky Point Hut Area	11/18/2019	03/26/2021
Phase 2 – Tell City / Troy Area	01/06/2020	05/21/2021
Phase 3 – Santa Claus Area	02/03/2020	07/23/2021

Phase 4 – Spencer County Transport	04/20/2020	06/04/2021
Phase 5 – Dale Hut Area	05/04/2020	11/05/2021
Phase 6 – Chrisney Hut Area	06/15/2020	12/24/2021
Phase 7 – Grandview Hut Area	08/10/2020	05/27/2022
Phase 8 – Reo Hut Area	09/28/2020	03/25/2022

Cares Act Requests / Health and Auditor

The Health Department previously submitted a request for \$172,704.00 to cover estimated costs for OT and Comp time for January through June 2021. This was discussed at the last Commissioners meeting dated February 2, 2021 but there was no one from the Health Department present to answer questions. The Commissioners motioned to approve a task force to address the Health Department issues. Since that time, the Health Department resubmitted a new request for \$122,152.00. The decision was also made to calculate the current amount of OT and Comp time accrued as of the February 12, 2021 pay date. The total amount of OT and comp time came to \$21,563.52. The other Cares Act requests included the SBS Portals for the Auditor's office and the SCBA masks for Carter Fire and a few invoices from the Health Department for supplies. Seiler motioned to approve all requests submitted. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Legal Report

Lindsey provided the lease with Indiana Michigan Power and the Coroner. It needs the Commissioners signatures. Seiler motioned to approve the lease. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The Commissioners are asking if she can be moved by March 1, 2021.

Lindsey provided a letter of support for Sheriff Reinke for a medication return receptacle. This letter is at the request of CVS Health. All Commissioners signed this letter.

Lindsey provided Ordinance 2021-03. PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF ISSUED DUTY WEAPONS, AND ISSUANCE OF RETIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN RETIRED SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL. This basically authorizes retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons of similar type as current law enforcement officers after qualification, anywhere within the US. It authorizes the Spencer County Board of Commissioners to transfer County Property of an estimated value of less than \$1000 without advertising or competitive bidding procedures. The Spencer County Sheriff believes it appropriate to transfer without charge, to a retiring County Merit Deputy or Sheriff, who is in good standing, ownership of one of his or her sidearms, of which the current replacement cost is approximately \$500, as recognition of his or her service to Spencer County. This Ordinance shall affect Spencer County Sheriff's Office personnel who will retire after January 1, 2021.

Seiler motioned to accept this Ordinance at first reading. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. This is approved since it was unanimous on the first reading.

Lindsey has sent out the notices to the landowners of the public hearing to be held March 2, 2021 for the closing of the roads up near the Weiss property.

Old Business

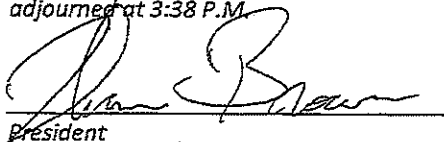
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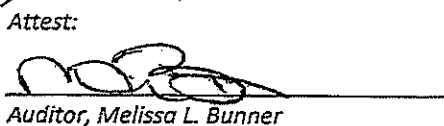
New Business

Vicki Brauns is asking to enter into a contract with Zillow. This gives them the opportunity to research the Recorder's records as a bulk user. Lindsey has spoken with an attorney with Zillow and they have sent him some additional information. He will review and report back to Brauns.

Sheriff Reinke has some concerns about the trees and shrubs hanging over the sidewalks. She is requesting approval to get quotes to have them removed or trimmed and possibly something else replanted. The Commissioners recommended she get at least 2 -3 quotes and to consider K & K since they just finished work here at the Courthouse. This would be in the Sheriff's budget.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 P.M.


 President

Attest:

 Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

