

**Commissioner Special Meeting
January 11, 2021**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, and Auditor Melissa L. Bunner
Location: Commissioner's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Brown at 2:03 P.M.

Highway Department / Gina Mullen and Dale Kenney

Mullen and Kenney provided a list of possible road locations to submit for the Community Crossings Grant. The maximum grant amount is one (1) million dollars. To qualify for the one (1) million dollars, we need to spend 1.3 million dollars. There is no guarantee to the full one (1) million-dollar grant amount so adjustments may need to be made depending on what is awarded to Spencer County.

1250 N was encumbered from last year. It must be under contract within four (4) months of December 8, 2020. Mullen has the advertisement ready to go. She is asking for the approval to move forward and have that bid out for February 16, 2021. Seiler motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The list of possible roads is as follows:

Road 200 N (Silverdale to Orchard) 9,680 feet with a passer rating of 5.
Road 400 N (450W to Richland limits) 6,479 feet with a passer rating of 3.
Road 400 N (Richland limits to 900W) 13,363 feet.
Road 1400N (St Peters Church to SR545) 19,310 feet with a passer rating of 5.
St Peters Church (1100N to 1200N) 8,489 feet with a passer rating of 6.
Road 1900N (600E to 675E) 4,160 feet with a passer rating of 4.
Road 1910N (675E to 700E) 1,368 feet with a passer rating of 6.
Watertown Road (SR62 North) 1,663 feet with a passer rating of 6.
Road 100E (1200N to 1250N) 3,002 feet with a passer rating of 5.

Seiler motioned to submit all roads. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

ADDED: Base Road (161 to 400W) – if money comes and there is enough.

Amended Motion: Seiler motioned to add Base Road if money is available. Gries seconded motion. Motion approved.

With this being a new year, Brown wanted to present an idea. Brown would like to have a meeting with the Highway Department once a month. Not for decision making but just administrative and operational meetings. Brown is suggesting once a month less than an hour. He is thinking the Monday before the second meeting of the month at the Highway Department. January 18, 2021 for this month at 12 p.m. All were in agreement.

Kenney provided a map showing CR 2000N. This road was annexed within the town of Dale in possibly 2018. The town of Dale never incorporated this road onto their books until 2021. The Highway Department went ahead and finished up what dollars we had spent prior to 2017 in chip and sealing this road. They had to return and do tile work. Now, last week, Wednesday and Thursday, they had to do more work to fix it. Gries is asking Lindsey if he can draft a letter from the Commissioners to the town of Dale letting them know that this is on their books and is their road and our county highway department should not need to go any further to make any changes. All agreed. Lindsey will draft a letter.

IT Contract / Auditor Melissa Bunner

Last week Lindsey drafted a letter to all department heads requesting an inventory of the computers being used. Bunner has compiled a list from the responses and have calculated approximately 152 total. Right now, Bunner is reaching out to IT companies to get quotes for services for 2021. Affinity has issued a new updated contract to include email coverage and the total is \$88,928.00. This might change with an updated computer list.

The current contract we have with Affinity expires on February 15, 2021. The contract states the agreement must be renewed every year for an additional one-year term unless cancelled by either party by providing written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration date, or unless this agreement is replaced by a newer agreement. To remain in compliance with the contract, Bunner is asking that we provide the letter of cancellation to Affinity. This way, the county can review and evaluate the options

for the new contract and if we decide to move forward with Affinity, we can just sign a new contract at that time. Gries motioned to approve this cancellation. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved. Lindsey will draft a cancellation notice and be sure we are covered until February 15, 2021.

The Commissioners are asking for Bunner to get quotes and see our payment options. Instead of paying the entire amount up front, is there an option to pay quarterly. Also, asking Lindsey to draft a letter to Affinity requesting all password be submitted for security reasons.

Bunner will bring quotes to the next meeting.

Sheriff Reinke stated the Jail Security upgrade was currently in the works. They are working on the software now and an engineer will be coming soon to verify everything.

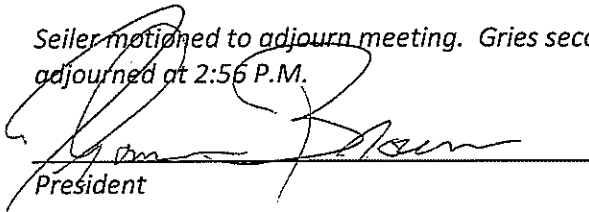
New Business

Nothing to Report.

Old Business

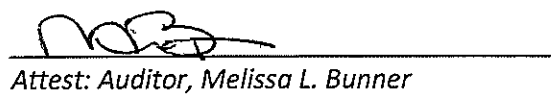
Nothing to report.

Seiler motioned to adjourn meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 P.M.



President





Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner