

**Commissioners Meeting
November 17, 2020**

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Al Logsdon, Jeff Lindsey, and Auditor Melissa L. Bunner

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

Minutes

Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from Commissioner meeting November 4, 2020 as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Batches #4494, 4498, 4499, 4500. Brown seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Soil & Water / Courtney Hall

Hall is requesting to be the purchasing agent so she can purchase the vehicle. Brown motioned to approve. Logsdon seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Health Department / Kim Hay

Hay reported Spencer County was going Red tomorrow (November 18, 2020). Currently there is a high community spread. Asking families consider immediate family only for Thanksgiving. "Red" means no more than 25 people gather. We are having about 20 cases a day. 125 in isolation for 10 days. North Spencer and South Spencer Middle and High Schools have gone virtual. North Spencer Elementary has gone virtual as well. If you are quarantined, you need to remain in quarantine for the full 14 days. The incubation period for COVID is 2-14 days. You could take a test at day 5 and be negative and at day 10 test and be positive. Under the Governor's orders, Churches are still exempt, but she encourages those who can go virtual to do so. It is important to continue social distancing and hand washing.

VSO / Butch Meredith

Meredith presented his progress. For week of October 26, 2020 the total Veterans assisted this week was 117 and total phone calls totaled 123. For week of November 2, 2020 the total Veterans assisted this week was 63 and total phone calls totaled 71. He provided an update on some of the building maintenance projects. K & K completed the tree trimming project as per the quote. DeBra-Kuempel installed the 02 Prime units on all 3 floors of the Courthouse. Meredith was told to pay for the Health Dept glass partitions through the Courthouse Maintenance Fund until reimbursement from Cares Act can be done.

HWY Report / Gina Mullen

Mullen asked if there was anything, we could do for an extension of the 80-hour emergency sick time provided. The question is if an employee has already exhausted the 80 hours of emergency sick time because of quarantine and is placed back into quarantine again, is there something we can do to compensate them. At this point in the year, everyone has used any available sick and vacation time. The quarantine would be verified by the Health Department. Currently, we have Ordinance 2020-03 from March that included the Federal Government allowing us to provide emergency paid sick leave amendment to our existing policy which expires at the end of the year. This granted full time employees 80 hours of paid sick leave for COVID related quarantine which is in addition to everything else the employees get through the County. We currently have five (5) employees who have used the full 80 hours of emergency sick leave. There is a potential of 2-3 included in this week's payroll. Brown motioned to amend our ordinance to the end of the year. Logsdon seconded. Motion approved. Lindsey is going to prepare an ordinance for us to adopt in December. This motion allows for Mullen to move forward on her payroll and the ordinance will include retro-active pay.

Community Corrections / Chase Fisher

Fisher is asking to get his revised budget approved. This covers the first six (6) months. Fisher has approval from his advisory board. Logsdon motioned to approve the revised budget from January through June 30, 2021. Brown seconded. Motion approved.

Ambulance / Murray Stout

First, the new ambulance was delivered last week. He took it to Fulda and the graphics have been put on it. Hoping it will be ready to go by this weekend. Second, County Council has approved remount of \$45,000 for next year. Requesting approval to start getting quotes. Would like to start work in January. Brown motioned. Logsdon seconded. Motion approved.

Christmas Lake Village / Don Vogel

Vogel provided three (3) pages of delinquent tax lots in Christmas Lake Village. He would like to get these lots onto a certificate sale. This was previously discussed at the Special Commissioners Meeting on September 29, 2020. At that time, the Commissioners motioned to approve moving forward with the certificate sale. Vogel has spoken with Joe Edwards with SRI and we need to declare the intention of the certificate sale by January 7, 2021. The sale can be done anytime after that and SRI will conduct that sale.

Legal Report

Lindsey reported that Bill Kaiser contacted him in regard to the Mid-states Corridor. INDOT has put a hold on the process. They are now moving forward and waiting on a timetable from Lochmueller who is working on a communications plan. Hopefully by June 2021 they should have the preferred route announced and then there will be public hearings. At the end of 2021 they should have the tier 1 study complete of the proposed route and the facility type whether section is 4 lane or super tube and so forth. They will forward a timeline when they receive it from Lochmueller. As a reminder, we have our representative on the Mid-states corridor RDA is Ken Mulzer, Jr. There are five (5) people on the Board. Mark Schrader is the Chairman. He is the CEO of German American Bank. Sue Ellspermann, Scott Blazy (Attorney in Jasper), David Drake (Huntingburg appointee). They are all helping in the process of getting the bridge connected to 169.

New Business

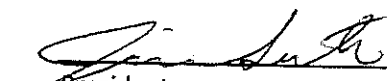
Logsdon suggested the Commissioners write a letter congratulating Dennis Spinner, Mayor of Huntingburg. Lindsey will work up a letter. Also, Logsdon encourages one of the three Commissioners to be on the Region 15 Board.

Bunner presented Commissioners with 2021 Holiday dates and pay dates seeking approval. Logsdon motioned. Brown seconded. Motion approved.

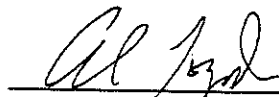
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No Report.

Logsdon motioned to adjourn. Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 P.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Melissa Bunner

