

Commissioners Meeting December 10, 2024

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Joshua Claybourn

Commissioners Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Gries at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated November 19, 2024. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Brown made a motion to approve claims with the exception of one (1) claim for Rockport and Roll in the amount of \$100,000. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Seiler recognized Heritage Hills High School for winning the IHSA Football Class 3A State Championship.

VSO / Butch Meredith

For week of November 4, 2024:	Veterans assisted: 64 and phone calls totaled 119.
For week of November 11, 2024:	Veterans assisted: 77 and phone calls totaled 118.
For week of November 18, 2024:	Vacation.
For week of November 25, 2024:	Veterans assisted: 84 and phone calls totaled 116.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Arnold B Hargis (WW2-Army Veteran).

Meredith is seeing a renewed interest in property tax deductions. Also, getting the word out about the possibility of college tuition paid for children of veterans.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

No report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

The body scanner project is moving forward.

Highway Department

No Report.

ServPro / Fred Emory

Emory came to introduce himself and ServPro. They specialize in cleaning, water & fire damage, mold and storm cleanup as well as emergency services. ServPro serves Warrick, Spencer and Dubois Counties.

Eck-Mundy / Gary Eck

Eck provided a copy of the contract for effective date February 15, 2025. Overall, the increase in this contract is less than 2% from the current one. The contract is for \$64,500/per year. **Seiler motioned to take under advisement. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2025 Holiday Schedule

Ordinance 2024-11 "Establishment of 2025 Work Holidays" was presented. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. This ordinance is adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.**

Agreements / Contracts

Treasurer, Elaine Jones is requesting approval to renew her lease agreement with Pitney Bowes. There is a cost increase of approximately \$47 a quarter. **Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Treasurer, Elaine Jones, is requesting for an agreement between Freedom Bank and the County for Positive Pay. Basically, Freedom Bank will pay and charge our accounts for any matched item received for payment that is listed on a check issued list. If it is not a match it becomes an exception and is returned. **Seiler motioned to table until Claybourn has an opportunity to review. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Purdue Extension, Nicholas Held provided an Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Spencer County. **Seiler motioned to table until Claybourn has an opportunity to review. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

Claybourn discussed the Spencer County Emergency Medical Services Contract. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claybourn presented an updated list of appointments for review for the meeting in January.

There was discussion about the handbook and the need to go through it. Everyone agreed to meet for a special meeting on December 17, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. to discuss.

Old Business

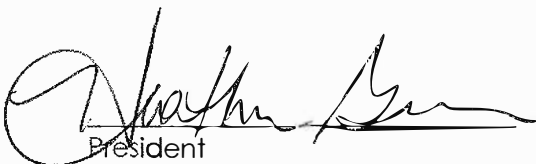
No report.

New Business

AEP is requesting a letter of support from the Commissioners for grant funding. This letter states it supports AEP's proposal to pursue an Early Site Permit in Rockport, Indiana and the prime applicant's request for grant funding through the U.S. Department of Energy Generation III + Small Modular Reactor Pathway to Deployment program. **Brown approved the letter. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gries has received a request from the Chrisney Fire Department for Opioid Funding. The request is for a CPR device known as the "Lucas Device" and totals \$20,400. **Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 P.M.


President

Attest:


Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



