

Commissioners Meeting March 4, 2025

Present: Jim Seiler, Mac Webb, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, Attorney Joshua Claybourn

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

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated February 18, 2025. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Webb made a motion to approve claims as presented. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VSO / Chris Morrison

This is his first week and first meeting. He is already meeting and filing claims with Veterans.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Spinks introduced Greg Sermersheim as the new Environmental / Building Inspector. She announced Tammy Graham would be starting next week as the new Food Inspector.

Sheriff's Department

No Report.

Insurance Renewal / Mindy Melton

Melton came to answer questions and review the County Insurance renewal due 3/31/25.

Paramount Dental Renewal

Coverage will remain the same for the new policy but will have an increase.

Current	Employee Only would increase \$1.70
	Employee plus spouse would increase \$3.67
	Employee plus child(ren) would increase \$4.01
	Employee Family would increase \$6.14

Gries motioned to approve the renewal with the rate changes. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appointment / Carter Fire

Jack Troth is seeking a four (4) year re-appointment to the Board for Carter Fire District in Dale. **Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Fire Training Center

Cash Waggoner & Associates has presented a bid comparison for the Spencer County Fire Training Facility. There were three (3) bid:

Pigeon Creek Contracting	\$36,875.78
Meadors Construction	\$48,203.92
Aces Concrete	\$57,880.00

Gries motioned to award the bid to Pigeon Creek Contracting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGO Web Design

Gries discussed the new website and INDIGO Web Design helping with the administration.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney and Gina Mullen

Kenney is requesting to add Plaza Drive from ST66 to dead end to the Highway Department's Road Inventory. It is approximately 2,418 feet and runs between HNP Hotel and Ohio River Surgery Center in Rockport. **Gries motioned to add it to the inventory. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Bridge #42 is located at 200N and Road 900W. This bridge has been upgraded to the critical list in need of repairs. This has been advertised and the bid opening will be at the April 1, 2025 meeting.

There was discussion about installing speed bumps in Saint Meinrad by the ballpark.

Spencer County has been awarded the full \$1.5 million in the Community Crossing Grant. They will need to fast track the paperwork and advertise for an opening at the second meeting in April. All money must be in place by May 1, 2025.

There was discussion regarding high water and fining people who drive through it and need rescuing. The recommendation is to have the Highway Department close the road. If someone needs to be rescued, then they would be fined to recoup the cost, and the money would be deposited into a fund for the Fire Department.

INDOT sent a letter on 2/26/25 regarding 100E Project Phase III asking for PE for this phase if we could do a different percentage or fund it 100% for just the PE itself. Instead of us doing 80/20, Mullen recommends 60/40. **Gries motioned to approve the 60/40 option. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

In November 2024, they were awarded a countywide striping grant for roads. Since being awarded the grant, there are certain things they require that we must do. One thing is it requires a consultant. Mullen has requested estimates from three different consulting firms, and they are between \$30,000 and \$60,000. Mullen recommends that since they have not been given the money yet, to decline it and when it opens up again we can resubmit for PE and the striping. Also, the County will not be penalized for being awarded the grant and then declining it. **Webb motioned to decline and reapply. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The Bridge RFP was sent, and they are currently waiting for approval.

Legal Report

Nothing to Report.

Old Business

Murray Stout came to discuss the ambulance bids from the last meeting. His recommendation is Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service for a bid of \$393,899. **Gries motioned to approve Crossroads. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Webb motioned to approve Murray Stout as the agent for the sale. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business


The Circuit Court is asking for Cares funding to pay for the removal of the glass partitions that were installed during the pandemic. The amount is \$1,360.00 and will include removal and storage. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

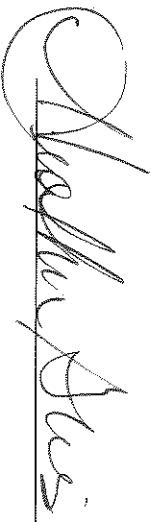


President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



Stephen Sturis



Mark Webb