Commissioner's Meeting
May 4, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 8:30 A.M.

Minutes
Webb made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioner's Meeting dated April 21, 2026. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Health Department / Mindy Spinks
No Report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech
No Report.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney
Bid Opening for bituminous surfacing of 300N from SR161 to 900W, 1350N from SR62 TO 150E, 150E FROM 1250N TO 1350N, 1025N FROM 1250E TO SR545, 1550N FROM 1000E, 700FT EAST, 1000E FROM 1550N TO 1600N AND 200E FROM SR162 TO 1600N.
There were three (3) bids:

E & B Paving	$1,586,900
C & R Construction	$1,767,799
J.H. Rudolph	$1,398,421.35

Kenney made the recommendation to award J.H. Rudolph the bid.
Gries motioned to award J.H. Rudolph the bid. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kenney presented the Annual Operations Report to the Commissioners which they signed at the meeting.

Commissioner Tax Sale
The sale was held on March 27, 2026.
There were seventy-eight properties offered at sale.
Forty-three of those sold.
Total paid was $22,400

Ordinance 2026-04
Ordinance 2026-04 "An Ordinance Of The Spencer County Board Of Commissioners Establishing Auditor Transfer-Processing Requirements For Conveyance Instruments"
Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Report
With the passage of HB1210 (page 199), the Spencer County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission (SCCRVC) must include a member appointed by the city executive of each city within the county. Effective July 1, 2026, the Mayor or Rockport will have an appointment to the SCCRVC. The current seven (7) members are appointed as follows: four by commissioners, two by the council, and one by the county's largest municipality (Santa Claus). (IC 6-9-18-5) Ordinance 1994-5 established the commission and was last amended in 2003 by Ordinance 2003-02, expanding the board from five members to seven. Claybourn presented Ordinance 2026-05 "An Ordinance Amending Section 32.03 Of The Spencer County Code Regarding The Spencer County Convention, Recreation, And Visitor Commission".
Webb motioned to suspend the rules. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webb motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-05. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. This ordinance is passed on first reading by unanimous vote.

Claybourn is moving from Jackson Kelly to Shiloh Counsel LLC effective May 16, 2026. He provided a new firm affiliation letter. ***Webb motioned to approve the new engagement letter. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

There was a brief discussion regarding the Grandview Solar Replacement bonds. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

New Business
Gries discussed the liability insurance for the employees and if there is a need for malpractice insurance or is it already covered. Claybourn will take a look and bring back to a future meeting.

Gries is requesting a Redevelopment Meeting on May 19, 2026, at 2:45 P.M.

Gries is requesting a meeting with all budget contributors to the Commissioners budget on June 2, 2026, at 1:30 P.M.

Old Business
Donna Hutchison, Spencer County Resident, came to discuss her concerns for the newly proposed Tenaska gas plant site. She lives in the vicinity of the proposed site and fears negative impacts on the residential and farming environments on the west side of Hwy 231 as well as residential property values. She also discussed AEP's Rockport Natural Gas Project and her support because it is being built on property already owned by AEP and already zoned for this project.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 A.M.

President

Attest:
Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner