Commissioners Meeting
January 20, 2026

Present: Jim Seiler, Mac Webb, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner. Not Present: 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 Commissioner's Meeting dated January 6, 2026, and the Executive Session dated the same day. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Health Department / Mindy Spinks
"Nursing Update" for December 2025:
There were one hundred five (105) vaccines provided.

"Retail Food Establishment Inspection Report" for December 2025
There were thirty-one (31) Food Licenses issued.
There were no (0) inspections completed.

"Environmental Health" for December 2025
There were three (3) New Residential On Site Permits issued.

There were no complaints.

Building Inspector / Greg Sermersheim
"County Inspection Report for December 2025" - Total Inspections:

Three (3) Footers	Three (3) Post Hole	Zero (0) Foundations
Three (3) Framing	Zero (0) Underground Plumbing	Zero (0) Concrete
Three (3) R.I. Electric	Three (3) R.I. Plumbing	Three (3) R.I. HVAC
Zero (0) General	Eight (8) Electric Meter	Three (3) Gas Meters
Three (3) Final C of O	Zero (0) Electric Pool	Zero (0) Cell Tower
Zero (0) Firewall	Two (2) Basement Walls	One (1) Solar
One (1) Elec Generator	Zero (0) Tie Down (mobile or modular)	
Zero (0) Underpinning Mobile Home		
Nine (9) On-site Septic		

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech
Heichelbech presented the Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement Renewal with DeBra-Kuempel for the Jail for 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026. The Courthouse also has the same Agreement up for renewal. ***Gries motioned to approve both renewals for 3 years. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Heichelbech presented Ordinance 2026-01 "AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER §35 *et seq.*" The Spencer County Sheriff's Department has identified the need to establish formal documentation outlining the fees charged for copies of pictures, audio recordings, and video recordings to ensure consistency and transparency in fee collection. ***Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.*** This ordinance passed on first reading by unanimous vote.

Planning Commission / Kay Erwin
December 2025 Permits issued:

Residential (3) $1,400,000	Accessory Buildings (5) $3,069,820
Addition / Remodel (1) $126,800	Cell Tower (0) $0
Duplex (0) $0	

Totals for 2025:

Residential: $13,901,129	Accessory Buildings: $6,173,110
Addition / Remodel: $2,035,662	Cell Tower (2) $270,000
Duplex: $1,200,000	

Highway Department / Dale Kenney
Kenney discussed extending Jesse Street in Hatfield.
Webb – Is in favor of the extension since the County already owns the road.
Seiler – Is in favor of extending to Bulletown Road.
Gries – Not in agreement with extending and recommending tabling it until they have reviewed the subdivision ordinance in regard to examples of fire, emergency management, school bus safety, and consult with legal council before extending the road construction.
Gries motioned to table. Webb seconded the motion with discussion. Seiler opposed. Motion carried.

Kenney reported the generator is up and running.

Commissioner Tax Sale
Bunner presented Friday, March 27, 2026, as the tax sale date with a price of $100 per parcel. ***Webb motioned to approve that date and the $100 sale price. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Legal Report No Report.

Old Business
Gries is directing the Auditor to add SCEDA to the agenda on the third Tuesday of each month.

RJL / Christy Powell
The Commissioners still have one additional appointment to the SCEDA Board.
Gries motioned to appoint Grayson Goodness to the SCEDA Board. No second. Motion died.

Webb motioned to table the SCEDA Board appointment until the next meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SCEDA Board Meeting as January 21, 2026. It was the first working meeting and had a lengthy discussion about development regulations.

Had a deep dive with Mayor Kirkpatrick about potential housing and commercial developments and TIF.

Met with the owner and property Manager of the pottery to connect and market the property. Submitting this property to the IEDC's site selection team in response to an RFI.

Had meeting with T4 Industrial Tool owners and Commissioner Seiler to discuss possible incentives.

Inside Indiana Business interviews with Commissioner Gries, Commissioner Webb, and Councilman Greulich about the SHIPS Act roundtable with Senator Young. To be published in their February edition.

Met with Community Foundation about Lilly Gift IX and the 2026 Community Support Grants.

New Business
Clerk, Darrell Stephens presented the 2026 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement from MicroVote. This is for four (4) years commencing January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2020. The rate went from $13,000 to $15,000. ***Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Auditor Bunner presented the IPEP Workers Compensation Policy renewal effective 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2026. ***Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

President

Attest:
Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner