Commissioners Meeting
November 19, 2024

Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa Bunner, and Attorney Chad Sullivan

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

Minutes
Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners meeting dated November 4, 2024. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims
Seiler made a motion to approve claims as presented. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VSO / Butch Meredith
For week of October 21, 2024, Veterans assisted: 80 Phone Calls: 109
For week of October 28, 2024, Veterans assisted: 90 Phone Calls: 117

Resolution 2024-05 "Resolution Of The Spencer County Board Of Commissioners Honoring Butch Meredith And Declaring November 19, 2024, As 'Butch Meredith Day'".
Brown motioned to approve the Resolution. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meredith is asking for funding for a project in Gentryville. He is asking for a flagpole to be purchased and donated from the County Commissioners for a "Heroes Home". The cost is $333.25 plus shipping and will come from his Memorial Funds line. ***Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Meredith is announcing the can food drive competition in the courthouse is set to start on November 25, 2024. The canned goods will benefit the Christian Resource Center and the Little Yellow House.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks
"Nursing Update" for October 2024:
There were Seven (7) communicable diseases reported. There were Six (6) Vector Borne reported. There were four hundred fifty-one (451) vaccines provided.

Spinks is asking for approval to hang two (2) glass cabinets in the Health Department.
Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech
Heichelbech notified the Commissioners she is going to the Council meeting to request transfers to buy a body scanner.

Heichelbech had questions regarding the new handbook. Any questions need to be forwarded to Claybourn or Sullivan. They will follow up.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney
Kenney provided an update that tomorrow he will be submitting the 3rd Phase of 100 E.

Planning Commission / Kay Erwin
October 2024 Permits issued:
Residential (3) $1,532,809
Addition / Remodel (3) $165,000
Cell Tower (1) $250,000
Accessory Buildings (10) $505,800
Duplex (0) $0

Totals for 2024:
Residential: $7,894,809
Addition / Remodel: $1,057,221
Duplex: $1,285,000
Accessory Buildings: $2,779,644
Cell Tower: $290,000
Vacation: $0

Building Inspector / Todd Hays
No Report or update.

Economic Development / Jonathan Blake
Blake is in the process of collecting surveys. So far, 273 have responded and returned. This survey is open through the end of December.

They are still working on the two (2) projects previously discussed as current opportunities.

So far, there are eight (8) applications received for READI 2.0 projects. Those are being reviewed.

Blake is also working on an economic development structure moving forward. The new identity would be called "Spencer County Economic Development Authority". The slogan would be "Don't miss the boat". He is asking for approval to set up the not for profit now and then decide on board members later. This is being tabled.

It Takes A Village
Report for October 2024

Total Dogs: 14	Total Cats: 39		Total Animals: 53
Owner Surrender:	Dogs: 6	Cats: 3	Total Animals: 9
Strays	Dogs: 8	Cats: 31	Total Animals: 39
Return to Owner:	Total Animals: 6		
Died in Care:	Total Animals: 5		
Adoptions:	Dogs: 21	Cats: 11	Total Animals: 31
Euth Medical:	Total Animals: 0		
Community Cat:	Total Animals: 8		

Jane Cochenour
Cochenour is requesting use of the courthouse for the annual Christmas Party on December 20, 2024. ***Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Family Recovery Court / Michaela Claise
Claise discussed the grant for the 2025 Family Recovery Court. She will need a new fund set up for 2025. ***Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Spencer County Ambulance / Jane Stout
Stout is requesting a rate review for the ambulance runs and presented proposal. ***Seiler motioned to approve the rate change. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Stout is asking for approval to apply for a grant through the Health First Funding. She is looking at $9,000 with a no match. ***Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Stout let the Commissioners know the new ambulance hit a deer and is out of service. She needs to borrow the ambulance given to Stephanie Melton at EMS until it gets fixed. ***Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Renewals
IPEP Workers Compensation is up for renewal for 2025. ***Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

The Cyber Policy is up for renewal in 2025. ***Brown motioned to approve. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Legal Report
Brown is requesting a work session to discuss the handbook. It was proposed for December 10, 2024, after the Commissioners Meeting from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Old Business
No report.

New Business
Assessor Melissa Woolard is asking for $150 to buy lights and a tree skirt for the new tree. ***Seiler motioned to approve. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Lockmueller / Bryan Payne came to discuss the process for the septic systems.

Jerry Ninke / Installer expressed concerns about the decisions made by the Commissioners. He feels there should be standard tests passed to be able to install.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner