Commissioner's Meeting

August 18, 2026

Present: Jim Seiler, Mac Webb, Heather Gries, Auditor Gina Mullen, Attorney Josh Claybourn

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Minutes

Mac made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioner's Meeting dated August 4, 2026. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

Heather made motion to accept claims. Mac seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Reports

Sheriff's Department / Sheriff Heichelbech

Updating on road reports. Semi traffic is a problem with them not using detour, running over barriers and 200 speeding tickets have been given out. Concrete barriers are coming for the county to use. Deputies are working overtime to solve the problem.

Combines shut down CR to move large machinery, farmers to call and coordinate with Sheriff's department to have roads shut down to through traffic to get machinery moved safely. Announcement to be put on the County website.

911 AT&T contract needs signed. **Mac made motion to approve 911 contract, Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Two new dispatchers have been hired and are doing well during training.

Asking to research a federal grant, no cost to county. **Heather made motion to accept. Mac seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Highway Department / Dale Kenney

Spoke to Shelly at SS bus garage and they will be helping with traffic by taking alternate routes. Will be setting concrete barricades.

Coroner/ Layla Thayer

The coroner's body-removal vehicle is currently out of service due to an engine failure. Layla is still waiting for quote to come back on repairs from Law Chevrolet. Commissioners want at least 3 estimates for repairing the vehicle. Needing one more quote.

EMA/Stephanie Melton

Pagers for all fire department personnel-$5,400-one time setup. Asking for additional. **Heather made motion to approve. Mac seconded motion. Motion carried.**

Public Hearing for Air Show to close River Road is set for 9/1/26-**Mac made motion to accept. Heather seconded motion. Motion carried.**

Heather with a thank you for EMA response during storms previous day, trees cleared quickly. Thanks to the Sheriff's Department and Highway Department.

Auditor/Gina Mullen

HIPAA privacy disclosures sent out to department heads.

Fully staffed and moving forward.

Don Farina-requesting road closure from Highway 62 to Brewery Street November 6-8, 2026, from 8 AM to 5 PM. **Mac made motion to accept. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mark Phillips-See you at the Pole for September 23, 2026. **Mac made motion to accept. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report /Josh Claybourn

Busy with Economic development issues past couple of weeks. 8/5 PUD to plan commission. **Mac made motion to accept. Heather seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Old Business

None

New Business

Redevelopment meeting October 6th at 4:30 PM. **Mac made a motion for the meeting. Heather seconded. Motion carried.**

Christy Powell provided an update on SCEDA (Spencer County Economic Development Authority) activities. The Gentryville representative has resigned, and the Business and Industry position remains open.

Updates were provided on READI 1 - Orchard Estates (location Dale) and READI 2 - Frosty Falls (location Santa Claus), and Richland Medical Center.

A childcare project, potential location in a building near Nancy Hanks Elementary School is being reviewed.

The SCEDA Board also discussed a blight-remediation concept, and budget meetings will continue tomorrow.

Mac motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Gina Mullen