Commissioners Meeting
February 7, 2025

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

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 8:15 A.M.

Minutes
Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for the Commissioners Meeting dated January 21, 2025. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

VSO / Butch Meredith
For week of January 13, 2025: Veterans assisted: 66 and phone calls totaled 107.
For week of January 20, 2025: Veterans assisted: 68 and phone calls totaled 98.

There was one (1) Veteran that passed away. Mr. Dennis Herrell (Army Veteran).

Gries made a motion to approve Auditor Bunner posting the part time position. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webb amended the motion. Webb motioned to approve Auditor Bunner posting the position for both part time and full time. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks
No Report.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech
Heichelbech provided an update on the body scanner. It is installed and training will begin soon. The Commissioners are invited to attend.

Highway Department / Dale Kenney
Kenney presented Task Order No 1 described as Community Crossing Application Assistance 2025-01 in the amount of $5,000 for signatures.

Family Recovery Court / Michael Claise
No Report.

Legal Report
Jonathan Blake with RJL Solutions discussed the name change and what it means. He also discussed the Board of Directors. ***Webb motioned to approve the framework but the Mayor as the Board Member from the City of Rockport instead of a Council Member. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Resolution 2025-01 "Resolution Of The Spencer County Board Of Commissioners Expressing Support For The Creation And Designation Of The Spencer County Economic Authority Corp As The New Local Economic Development Organization" was reviewed. ***Gries motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Old Business
No Report.

New Business
Kay Erwin from the Planning Commission came to discuss the Cleveland Cliffs expansion request to place solar on their property. The Planning Commission approved on September 26, 2024 and a final approval on January 23, 2025. Cleveland Cliffs is calling it the "Pioneer Project". ***Gries motioned to approve the expansion. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Webb was approached by PSC asking for a letter of support for PSC Fiber's BEAD Grant Program Application. With this grant, some of the most difficult to reach locations across Spencer County will be targeted in PSC Fiber's build plan. Seiler was very vocal about his concerns and would like to have a representative from PSC come to discuss. ***Gries motioned to approve the letter of support. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

The Lochmueller Group brought Amendment No 1 for Residential Septic Tank review and inspection for signatures. It was approved at a previous meeting.

Darrell Stephens / Clerk came to discuss a Pay Court addendum. The addendum covers the changes with respect to payment receipting and direct payments. Instead of the county collecting the debt and sending payment to Pay Court, Pay Court will collect all money and send the County its portion. ***Gries motioned to approve the addendum. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Gries discussed the option of getting a county credit card. The Auditor has to use her personal credit card in some instances and would prefer to not do that. Claybourn will review policies and procedures and bring something to a future meeting.

Gries brought a request from INDOT regarding Lincoln Ferry Park and the county taking ownership of it. This is being tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting while more information is gathered.

Gries would like to move the Tuesday, March 18th meeting to Friday, March 14th at 8:00 A.M. ***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 8:55 A.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner