

Commissioners Meeting May 6, 2025

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

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 3:02 P.M.

Minutes

Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting dated April 15, 2025. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Commissioner's meeting dated April 15, 2025. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims

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

VSO / Chris Morrison

Morrison came to report that he assisted eighty (80) veterans in April. Also, his office has gone paperless. This will expedite processing forms and claims.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Spinks is proposing one (1) metal cabinet in both the male and female restrooms for STD urine samples. This will provide discreetness, maintain a chain of custody, limit spills, and maintain cleanliness. **Webb motioned to approve. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There was discussion regarding "home based vendors". People cannot serve food outside of a home for pay.

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

The annual Jail Inspection is next week.

National Correction Officers Week is May 4, 2025 – May 10, 2025. This week is dedicated to recognizing the dedication and hard work of correctional officers and employees nationwide.

Ride Solutions

Resolution 2025-03 "Authorizing Resolution" for filing of a CY2025 application for a grant under Section 5311 / 5339 of the Federal Transit Act. This allows Ride Solutions to apply for public transportation funding in Spencer County in their grant application for 2026. **Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

American Legal / Knowink Invoices

Bunner is asking approval to pay the American Legal Invoice out of the Cares Funding for \$561.60. **Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Clerk, Darrell Stephens is asking for approval to pay the Knowink invoice out of Cares Funding for \$2,594.96. The total invoice is \$11,827.50. He has funding to cover \$9,232.54. **Gries motioned to approve. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Congressional School Fund

Bunner was requested to research the Congressional School Fund and provide an explanation as to this fund. The Congressional School Fund was derived from the sale of the 16th section of land in each congressional township, or land equivalent there to, granted or reserved to the inhabitants of each township by an Act of Congress passed on 4/19/1816. The principal of the fund must be perpetually held in trust. The amounts held in trust by the respective townships have not changed since 1932. This is reported twice a year. The Treasurer prepares it, the Auditor sends it, and the Commissioners approve it.

Legal Report

He is currently working on employment processes.

Old Business

Webb is working on the credit card policy and procedures and email transfers with Eck Mundy.

New Business

Louis Tavern / Tom Gunn is asking to close part of Plum Street (From 545 to the end of his parking lot) from Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. to Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 8:00 A.M.

Webb motioned to approve the road closure. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service / Jane Stout is asking for approval to apply for a grant. It is a no match grant and would provide \$30,000 to \$75,000 in funding to be used to upgrade care levels. **Webb motioned to approve pursuing the grant. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There was discussion about the bid process for health insurance.

Gries is scheduling a Redevelopment meeting for Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Gries motioned to adjourn the meeting. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 P.M.

President

Matthew Gries

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

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