

**County Council Meeting
January 17, 2023**

Present: Steve Haaff, Aaron Benton, David Gogel, Justin Grose, Brian Greulich, Susan Harris, David Fromme, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner and Attorney Andrew Foster.

Meeting was called to order by President Benton at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Haaff made a motion to approve the minutes from 12/20/2022. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/3/2023. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Additional Appropriation

None.

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-001-1116.00	\$18,044.00
Leadman	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-001-1115.00	\$6,740.00
Project Manager	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-002-2112.00	\$11,304.00
Equip Managers	
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-001-1116.00	\$22,000.00
Leadman	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-001-1115.00	\$22,000.00
Project Manager	

Dale Kenney from the Highway Department rescinded this request.

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF

INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1000-105-4114.02	\$43,669.25
Deputy Sergeant	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1000-105-4114.04	\$43,669.25
General Deputy	

Haaff motioned to approve this transfer. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.

INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1000-105-4114.04	\$1,746.11
Deputy Sergeant	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1000-105-4114.02	\$1,746.11
General Deputy	

Fromme motioned to approve this transfer. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Melton came with two (2) requests. The first is for the approval to complete the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) on behalf of all fire departments and the second is to ask the county to cover the cost of the match required by this grant. As a reminder, EMA was awarded \$149,000 last year to purchase 800 MHz radios to replace the old and outdated radios each department currently has. The old radios were purchased by a grant in 2007 and are at end of life. The grant cannot fund the entire project and more funding is going to have to be secured. Nothing has been done with this grant yet because she is waiting on final signatures at the state level. This new grant will cover / replace mobiles in all the fire department apparatuses and replace all the base mobiles in each fire station. This brings us to the handhelds and pagers, which the AFG will fund. However, with this grant there is a match. FEMA has told her the final match could not be determined until the grant was completed but it would not be more than ten (10) percent of the final grant request. The quotes are based on 197 rostered volunteer firefighters in Spencer County. The estimated total grant cost currently is \$598,895.00 with a match of \$59,889.50. This grant is due February 10, 2023 and she needs a match approval before she can move forward.

Gogel motioned to approve the grant. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Haaff motioned to approve the match up to \$60,000 out of COIT. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

CORONER / Layla Thayer

Thayer is asking for holiday pay for her deputies. She currently pays her deputies the following:

- 12 hour shift - \$34
- 24 hour shift - \$68
- + \$34 or \$68 if get called out
- + \$34 or \$68 if it is a holiday

Gogel motioned to allow holiday pay ONLY if the person gets called out. Haaff seconded the motion. Those in favor Greulich, Harris, Gogel, Benton and Haaff. Those opposed Grose and Fromme. Motion approved.

Prosecutor / Megan Bennet

Bennet is requesting \$28,641.00 for ten (10) extra hours from Pre-Trial Diversion. This cost will cover salary, PERF, and FICA for the Clerical Assistants.

Fromme motioned to approve this request. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bennet is requesting a part time clerical position. Last year she was approved a part time person for scanning in the child support side. She is asking for that same person to come over to the criminal side and help with administrative duties. This person would be part time (29 hours per week) and be paid out of Pre-Trial Diversion. She is looking at one (1) year for this position. ***Gogel motioned to approve \$23,000 out of Pre-Trial Diversion for consideration. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

Appointments

Tourism – two (2) appointments:

Gogel motioned to re-appoint Ashley Blankenbaker and Cheyenne Knox to the Tourism Commission. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Spencer County Public Library – two (2) appointments:

Haaff motioned to appoint Chrissy Jones and Clarice Passmore to the Spencer County Public Library Board. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.

LEDC Joint Appointment with Commissioners – one (1) appointment:
Grose motioned to table this request. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

ARPA:

Haaff motioned to approve \$25,000 to Mariah Hill Regional Sewer District. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Haaff motioned to approve \$25,000 to Fulda Regional Sewer District. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

Darrell Stephens and Vicki Brauns have a joint request. They are in the process of performing some upgrades and the server they share is at end of life. It is seven (7) years old and is having trouble keeping up with the current workload. Stephens and Brauns is asking for a new server. The estimated cost is \$30,000. ***Gogel motioned to approve \$30,000 from Cum Cap 1138. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

Legal Report

Foster provided the draft of a contract for the Sheriff. This contract would be between the Sheriff, the Commissioners, and the County Council. It is for 2023 and expires December 31, 2023. It states the following:

Compensation for calendar year 2023 is set at \$90,000 in place of fee compensation and shall be paid in full from the County general fund. The Sheriff will deposit all tax warrant collection fees into County general fund for use for any general fund purpose. Prisoner meals will be financed by the County Council, and they will make an appropriation in the usual manner from the County general fund. The Sheriff will not profit from the appropriation and will deposit all meal allowances in County general for use for any general fund purpose. The Sheriff will file an accounting of expenditures for feeding prisoners with the County Auditor. This contract was approved by the Commissioners at a meeting earlier today.

Gogel motioned to approve the contract. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Foster provided a Resolution to go along with the Sheriff's contract. Resolution 2023-01 "Adopting Sheriff's Salary Contract" states the Sheriff, the Commissioners, and the County Council have approved the Sheriff's Salary Contract. *Grose motioned to approve this Resolution. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved. This Resolution is adopted at first reading by unanimous vote.*

Haaff made a motion to adjourn. Fromme seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

President

Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

Bruce L. Hunt

[Signature]

Susan Harris

Chris Benth

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