

**County Council Meeting**  
**February 21, 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.

Murray Stout, Jane Stout and Paramedic Ed Hauenstein with Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service came to do a demonstration of the new equipment funded by the ARPA award.

**Minutes**

**Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/2023. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Additional Appropriation**

	Amount Requested	Approved
<b>Fund Name:</b> 1000 COUNTY GENERAL COIT / EMA		
Capital Outlay: Grant Match / Fire Dept/ Replace Mobiles	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
<b>Grose made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CIRCUIT COURT		
Personal Services: Psychiatric Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Greulich made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 1138 CUM CAP DEVELOPMENT		
Other Services: Server Clerk / Recorder	\$30,000.00	\$16,500.00
<b>Gogel made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		
Personal Services: FICA (10 Extra Hours)	\$1,799.00	\$1,799.00
Personal Services: PERF (10 Extra Hours)	\$3,338.00	\$3,338.00
Personal Services: Clerical Assistants (10 Extra Hours)	\$23,504.00	\$23,504.00
<b>Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		
Personal Services: Part Time Clerical Assistant	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
Personal Services: FICA	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 2000 ADULT PROBATION ADMIN		
Other Services: Court Documents	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Greulich made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 9120 FAMILY RECOVERY COURT		
Personal Services: Referee Salary	\$55,736.00	\$55,736.00
Personal Services: FICA	\$4,263.00	\$4,263.00
<b>Fromme made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Additional Appropriation</b>	Amount Requested	Approved
<b>Fund Name:</b> 9115 JUSTICE PARTNERS GT / SIM OPIOID		
Personal Services: Pre-Trial Assessments	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Personal Services: FICA	\$500.00	\$500.00
Personal Services: PERF	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Harris made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

<b>Fund Name:</b> 8950 SCEAS		
Capital Outlay: Chest Compression Equip	\$76,000.00	\$68,916.00
<b>Haaff made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.</b>		

Fund Name: 8950 ARPA / CLERK  
Capital Outlay: Voting Registration \$168,000.00  
*Greulich made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Fund Name: 8950 ARPA / FULDA REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
Capital Outlay: Fulda Regional Sewer District \$25,000.00  
*Haaff made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Fund Name: 8950 ARPA / MARIAH HILL SEWER DISTRICT  
Capital Outlay: Mariah Hill Sewer District \$25,000.00  
*Haaff made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Fund Name: CO AG CRISIS SCHOOL GRT  
Personal Services: Nurses \$2,432.00  
Personal Services: Clerical \$2,688.00  
Personal Services: FICA \$392.00  
Personal Services: PERF \$346.00  
*Greulich made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

Fund Name: CO AG CRISIS SCHOOL GRT  
Capital Outlay: Equipment \$1,994.00  
*Greulich made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

**Transfers**

**SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-001-1116.00 \$18,044.00  
Personal Services: Leadman  
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-002-2112.00 \$18,044.00  
Personal Services: Equipment Operator  
*Haaff motioned to approve this transfer. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-001-1116.00 \$22,000.00  
Personal Services: Leadman  
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-002-2112.00 \$22,000.00  
Personal Services: Equipment Operator  
*Haaff motioned to approve this transfer. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

**SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF**  
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1222-000-4441.00 \$13,588.96  
Capital Outlay: Equipment  
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1222-000-4381.00 \$13,588.96  
Other Services: E911 Service Contract AT&T  
*Grose motioned to approve this transfer. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

**SPENCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 9129-000-4312.00 \$500.00  
Other Services: Contracts / Maintenance  
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 9129-000-4113.00 \$500.00  
Personnel Services: Office Manager  
*Fromme motioned to approve this transfer. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

**SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 9120-000-4143.00 \$60,000.00  
Capital Outlay: Family Recovery Court Referee  
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 9115- \$60,000.00  
Capital Outlay: Justice Partners Grant / SIM Opioid

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

**Annual Appropriation**

<b>Luce Township Sewer Project</b> Account # 1000-000-3045.00	\$150,000.00
<b>Santa Claus Water Project</b> Account # 1000-000-3045.00	\$100,000.00
<b>Accident Report – Sheriff</b> Account # 1101-000-4010.00	\$20,534.00
<b>Spencer County K-9</b> Account # 1102-000-4010.00	\$1,612.00
<b>Animal Control</b> Account # 1106-000-4010.00	\$9,230.00
<b>Clerks Records Perpetuation</b> Account # 1119-000-4010.00	\$66,332.00
<b>Community Transition Program</b> Account # 1123-000-4010.00	\$5,800.00
<b>Prisoner Reimbursement – Sheriff</b> Account # 1130-000-4010.00	\$17,474.00
<b>Co Law Enforcement Continuing Education</b> Account # 1133-000-4010.00	\$5,941.00
<b>Drug Free Community Fund</b> Account # 1148-000-4010.00	\$15,486.00
<b>Firearms Training – Sheriff</b> Account # 1156-000-4010.00	\$32,014.00
<b>Jury Pay</b> Account # 1164-000-4010.00	\$21,320.00
<b>Medical Care for Inmate – Sheriff</b> Account # 1174-000-4010.00	\$33,759.00
<b>Misdemeanant – Sheriff</b> Account # 1175-000-4010.00	\$27,668.00
<b>Sex &amp; Violent Offender – Sheriff</b> Account # 1192-000-4010.00	\$4,769.00
<b>Victim Impact Program</b> Account # 1209-000-4010.00	\$2,970.00
<b>Election &amp; Registration</b> Account # 1215-000-4010.00	\$9,232.00
<b>Auditor's Ineligible Deductions</b> Account # 1216-000-4010.00	\$27,689.00
<b>County Elected Officials</b> Account # 1217-000-4010.00	\$22,209.00
<b>Opioid Restricted Fund</b> Account # 1237-000-4010.00	\$59,422.00
<b>FY 22 Opioid Unrestricted Fund</b> Account # 1238-000-4010.00	\$25,177.00

<b>County User Fee</b>	
Account # 2500-000-4010.00	\$65,749.00
<b>Drain Construction / Reconstruction Surveyor</b>	
Account # 2600-000-4004.00	\$105,027.00
<b>Sheriff Sales</b>	
Account # 4009-000-4010.00	\$18,445.00
<b>Health Clinic</b>	
Account # 4014-000-4010.00	\$67,905.00
<b>LEPC – EMA</b>	
Account # 4905-000-4010.00	\$9,962.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>	
Account # 4906-000-4310.00	\$12,514.00
<b>EMA Hazmat</b>	
Account # 4907-000-4010.00	\$300.00
Account # 4907-000-4311.00	\$567.00
<b>EMA Search and Rescue</b>	
Account # 4908-000-4010.00	\$4,378.00
<b>Public Safety Fund</b>	
Account # 4909-000-4010.00	\$5.00
<b>County IV-D</b>	
Account # 8895-000-4010.00	\$36,127.00
<b>Title IV-E</b>	
Account # 8896-000-4010.00	\$5,160.00
<b>Prosecutor IV-D</b>	
Account # 8897-000-4010.00	\$45,504.00
<b>Clerk IV-D</b>	
Account # 8899-000-4010.00	\$9,513.00
<b>Spencer County FRC GT</b>	
Account # 9130-000-4010.00	\$16,783.00
<i>Htaff motioned to approve the annual appropriations. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.</i>	
<b>Salary Ordinance Amended</b>	
Gogel motioned to approve the 2023 Amended Salary Ordinance as presented. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.	

#### **Indiana Regional 15 / Nathan Held**

Held came to the meeting to introduce himself as the new Executive Director. Lisa Gelhausen has stepped down to an advisory position. He discussed the many projects that have been completed and the projects that are currently in the works. He provided an extensive list of these projects along with the State / Federal grants and local funding information.

#### **Sheriff / Sherri Heichelbech**

Heichelbech discussed the need to replace twenty-three (23) windows in the jail. She provided two (2) quotes from Al's Glass Service. The first quote is for a clear glass replacement \$25,433.75. The second is for a mirrored glass replacement (\$28,491.54). The mirrored glass replacement is her preferred quote. This project is a higher priority than the other projects.

Heichelbech discussed the need to replace six (6) exterior doors. She provided a quote from The Pauly Jail Building Co. in the amount of \$135,300.00. She is working on another quote for this project.

Heichelbech discussed the need for concrete work at the jail and the need to outfit four (4) new vehicles.

Next month, Heichelbech will be need to do an additional for uniforms. It costs \$3,418 to outfit one deputy. There are three (3) new ones, and her current budget will not cover it.

Amanda Epley was introduced as the new 911 Director.

**Coroner / Layla Thayer**

Thayer is requesting an additional of \$20,000 in Autopsy Expenses (107-4314.00).  
**Grose motioned to advertise \$20,000 from County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Thayer is requesting funding for a Chief Deputy Coroner in the amount of \$4,000.00. There was a lot of discussion regarding this request. Benton asked for a motion to approve this request. No motion was made. Benton asked a second time for a motion to approve. No motion was made. Motion is lost. This will be addressed in August at budget time.

**Soil & Water / Brian Rahman**

Rahman came to discuss the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) grant. It is fully funded by federal grant. This is for the Buckhorn Creek / Little Pigeon Creek watershed. The amount of the grant is \$27,500. **Haaff motioned to approve the request to apply for this grant. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Appointments**

LEDG Joint Appointment with Commissioners – one (1) appointment. The Commissioners motioned to approve Kevin Reburn to this board.

**Grose motioned to approve this appointment. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**LATCF / Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund**

This is a two (2) year program with \$50,000 being distributed each year. The first installment of \$50,000 was received in December of 2022. Under this program, recipients have broad discretion on uses of funds, similar to the ways in which they may use funds generated from their own local revenue sources. Specifically, recipients may use these funds on any governmental purpose other than lobbying activity.

Recipients may transfer to and pool LATCF funds with other entities for projects, provided that recipients are able to track use of the funds in line with the reporting and compliance requirements of the LATCF.

The Build America, Buy America Act establishes domestic content procurement preference requirements for federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure. These requirements apply to the LATCF. As such, expenditures for iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in an infrastructure project funded using the LATCF award generally must be produced in the United States. These requirements do not apply to non-infrastructure projects.

\$50,000 for 2022 (December)	\$50,000 for 2023
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ARPA Fund 8950	LATCF Fund 8951
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**Legislative Changes Concerning Mortgage Deduction Repeal**

Beginning January 1, 2023, individuals will no longer be able to apply for this property tax deduction and county auditors will no longer apply the mortgage deduction to property tax bills beginning with the 2023 pay 2024 cycle.

Instead, the General Assembly has added \$3,000 to the homestead deduction, effective for assessment dates after December 31, 2022. In other words, the homestead deduction amount for 2023 pay 2024 will be the lesser of:

Sixty percent (60%) of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property

OR      \$48,000

**Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service / Murray Stout and Jane Stout**

M. Stout provided an update on the new ambulance approved with ARPA funding. It is estimated to be delivered in October or November of this year. He is requesting permission to start the process of soliciting bids for a new ambulance this year due to the anticipated long waiting period of being able to get another one. EAS currently has a 2016 RAM with a remounted box that has 198,950 miles and 8323 hours on the engine. They have another 2016 Chevy with a remounted box that has 189,360 miles and 8786 hours on the engine. There are currently four (4) in service. **Fromme motioned to approve the request to start the bidding process. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**New Business**

Benton presented for Assessor, Melissa Woolard who was not present. She needs to send out Form 11's and will be short the money due to price increases. The cost increased \$.20 per form. Woolard will get with the Auditor and advertise out of 1224 Reassessment.

Benton discussed the "Opioid Settlement Advisory Council" which was presented and approved at the Commissioners meeting earlier today. This Advisory Council was established to discuss, review, and make recommendations regarding submitted proposals on how to best use our county's allocated funding from the Opioid Settlement. Then submit to the Commissioners for approval and then to the County Council for final approval. Recommendations for the Advisory Council are as follows:

Jane Stout - EMS Director  
Sherri Heichelbech - Sheriff  
Megan Bennett -Prosecutor  
A rep from each school  
A Commissioner - Heather Gries  
A Council member  
**Greulich motioned to appoint Justin Grose to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

*Gogel discussed SIHO Insurance report from the Commissioners Meeting today. The costs of insurance has gone up. Back in November, the insurance budget was reduced at the time of the 1782 notices. Gogel motioned to do an additional to put the money back into the insurance line so it will be there when we need it at the end of the year. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.*

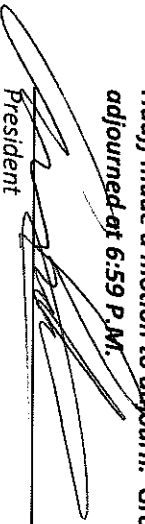
David Gogel stated that Think Lincoln would be applying to the Visitors Bureau for a grant. Gogel is asking for any kind of support to be given to them. Gogel motioned to have a letter of support drafted for them. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fromme motioned to set the budget hearings for August 23, 24, and 25, 2023. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.


**Old Business**  
Nothing to report.

**Legal Report**  
Nothing to report.

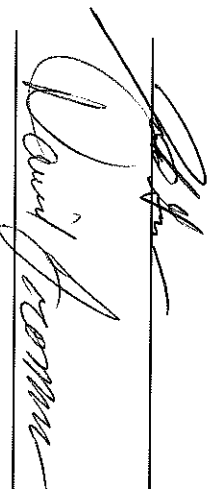
**Haaff made a motion to adjourn. Grose seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.**


  
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President

  
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Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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