

County Council Meeting
April 16, 2024

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Haaff, 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

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SHERIFF 0005

	Amount Requested	Approved
Office Supplies: Uniforms	\$12,648	\$12,648
Personal Services: OT	\$20,000	\$20,000
Other Services & Charges: Flock Cameras	\$28,000	\$28,000

Fromme made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / PROSECUTOR 0009

Other Services & Charges: Rent	\$459	\$459
Personal Services: Office Cleaning	\$651	\$651

Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COMMISSIONERS 0068

Other Services & Charges: RJJ Econ Dev	\$96,000	\$0
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Tabled until next meeting.

Fund Name: 1159 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Personal Services: PHN#2	\$2,565	\$2,565
Personal Services: FICA	\$197	\$197
Personal Services: PERF	\$365	\$365

Gogel made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1191 RIVER BOAT SHARING

Other Services & Charges: Habitat for Humanity	\$21,000	\$21,000
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Haaff made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 8950 ARPA

Capital Outlay: Habitat for Humanity	\$29,000	\$29,000
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Haaff made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1126-21400		
Office Supplies: Copier Supplies	\$647.64	\$647.64
Decrease Account: 1126-41100		
Capital Outlay: Office Equipment	\$647.64	\$647.64

Fromme made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-11170		
Personal Services: Director	\$1,955	\$1,955
Decrease Account: 9122-35125		
Other Services & Charges: Utilities	\$1,955	\$1,955

Haaff made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-12100		
Personal Services: FICA	\$144.63	\$144.63
Decrease Account: 9122-35125		
Other Services & Charges: Utilities	\$144.63	\$144.63

Grose made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-12250			
Personal Services: PERF		\$277.61	\$277.61
Decrease Account: 9122-35125			
Other Services & Charges: Utilities		\$277.61	\$277.61

Grose made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Melton is requesting approval to move forward with two (2) grants. The first is for Law Enforcement laptops. This is full reimbursement and no cost to the county. **Haaff motioned to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The second grant is for a new water rescue boat. There is no cost to the county for the boat but will be a cost for insurance. This one boat will replace the two they currently use. **Gogel motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Health Department

Spinks proposed a School Liaison position under the Co-Ag grant funding. This School Liaison position would follow the same as the School Liaison under the HFI funding. This would be a Part Time / Contractual position. There is no more funding for the Co-Ag grant so the remaining balance is what would be used to support this position. The Health Board is in support. **Haaff motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Spinks provided an update on the Legacy funds (LHMF & LHDTA) The Advisory Committee and Health Board approved funding for the Spencer County Sheriff, Chrisney Fire Station, and St. Bernards Catholic School.

Spencer County READI Team

The Spencer County READI Team made an announcement that Indiana First Region received the READI 2.0 award of \$15 million. Our region is comprised of Spencer, Harrison, Knox, Pike, and Perry counties.

They also presented information on the READI 2.0 Redevelopment and Art Initiative. The purpose of this funding is to advance and support two transformative initiatives focused on (1) Systematic community challenges associated with deteriorating, vacant, abandoned, and/or blighted properties statewide; and (2) elevating the vitality of Indiana's arts and cultural community.

Legal Report

Foster presented Ordinance No. 2024-04 "ORDINANCE OF THE SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ISSUE ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (SAINT MEINRAD ABBEY PROJECT), AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO" Since the first draft was presented, there were changes to Section 7. **Greulich motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-04 with amendments at this second reading. Grose seconded the motion. Gogel abstained from voting. Motion carried. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote.**

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech discussed an issue with juvenile detention. The Spencer County Jail is not equipped to house minors. They can hold a minor for only 6 hours. If a juvenile needs to stay, then they need to be transported to another facility. YCC in Evansville has changed the rules and now it is required to have a contract. The contract is for one (1) male bed. **Gogel motioned to advertise \$39,000 out of County General. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

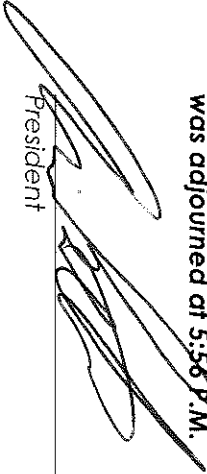
Old Business

No Report.

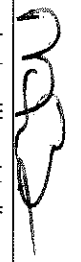
New Business

There was discussion regarding the new insurance deductibles and creating a new line item for next year's budget.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M.



President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



