

**County Council Meeting**  
**April 18, 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 5:01 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2023. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Additional Appropriation**

	Amount Requested	Approved
<b>Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL - PROSECUTOR</b>		
Personnel Services: Summer Interns	\$6,720.00	
Personnel Services: FICA	\$515.00	\$3,618.00

**Haaff made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

<b>Fund Name: 1237 OPIOID RESTRICTED / COMMISSIONER</b>		
Other Services: The Way of Rockport	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Gogel made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

<b>Fund Name: 2700 GENERAL DRAIN MAINTENANCE - SURVEYOR</b>		
Other Services: JB Chrisney Watershed	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

**Fromme made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

<b>Fund Name: 8950 ARPA COMMISSIONERS - SHERIFF</b>		
Other Services: Flock System	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00

**Haaff made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

<b>Fund Name: 8951 LATCF COMMISSIONERS – SHERIFF</b>		
Other Services: Jail Repairs	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

**Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Transfers**

<b>SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1126-000-4212.50	\$0
Personnel Services: Drug Testing	
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1126-000-4122.00	\$0
Personnel Services: PERF	

**Gogel made a motion to table. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

INCREASE ACCOUNT # 9116-000-4122.00	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Personnel Services: PERF	\$0
DECREASE ACCOUNT # 9116-000-4124.00	
Personnel Services: Health Insurance	\$0

**Gogel made a motion to table. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

<b>SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
INCREASE ACCOUNT # 1222-000-4441.00	\$2,365.00
Capital Outlay: Equipment	
DECREASE ACCOUNT # 1222-000-4381.00	
Other Services: E911 Service Contract AT&T	\$2,365.00

**Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

INCREASE ACCOUNT # 1222-000-4441.00	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$1,651.00
DECREASE ACCOUNT #1000-132-4381.00	
Other Services: E911 Service Contract AT&T	\$1,651.00

**Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Ambulance Service / Jane Stout**

Stout came to request approval to apply for a grant for a Safe Haven Baby Box for Spencer County. This is a reimbursable grant so she will be raising money for the start-up fees which are estimated to be \$12,000 to \$16,000. There is an annual fee of \$300. She is not requesting any money from the County. The location of the box has yet to be determined. ***Greulich motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

**Community Corrections / Sylvia Holbrook**

Holbrook provided the CY2022 Annual Report for Spencer County Community Corrections, Spencer County Drug Court, and Spencer County Jail Treatment. ***Haaff motioned to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

**PSC / Daren Brown**

Brown provided the following updates: PSC has transitioned its marketing and deployment activities in 2023 towards installing Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) funded locations and previously unfunded SIP locations within Spencer County. RDOF is an FCC program that will allow them to potentially connect an additional 389 Spencer County Residents. They have 137 applications at this time.

PSC continues to promote the Indiana Connectivity Program (ICP) for those who are located near our fiber but not covered by RDOF. PSC has been awarded funding in five (5) rounds of ICP (Every three months) and is now working on a bid that was just released for Round 6 locations.

While ICP is a good program for many "one-off" locations, it does not adequately address the remaining underserved / unserved locations, particularly those in Vectren serving areas. They continue to wait for an announcement regarding the next round of NLC funding.

**Opioid Settlement**

At the April 4, 2023, Commissioner's Meeting, two (2) new requests for the Opioid Settlement Funds were approved. They are as follows:

Success Through Mentoring was awarded \$1,399.56.

South Spencer School Corporation, North Spencer School Corporation, and St. Bernard's School were awarded \$73,200.00.

***Grose motioned to approve the advertisement of these requests. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Automated Routing submitted their CF-1 Form for Compliance with Statements of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements for 2023 Pay 2024. ***Gogel motioned to approve the Cf-1 as "is in compliance". Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.***

**LEDG / Heidi Young**

Young provided an update on the READI Grants. There are three (3) received approval from Indiana First and IEDC and are ready to move forward. Z Place Commons (REO Housing Development) received up to \$335,000. They currently have five (5) duplexes under roof and are starting the foundations of another two (2). The project will result in the construction of twenty-five (25) duplexes resulting in fifty (50) units. Roadway construction was awarded to J's Custom Concrete, a Spencer County business. Water and Stormwater infrastructure was awarded to Quality Craft Construction, a Spencer County Business.

Funding for READI 2.0 is pending. HB1001 - the state budget is on the third reading in the Senate today and while the Senate has approved an amendment that could perhaps change the name of READI to Collaborative Communities their version of the bill still includes the originally requested \$500 million for another round of grant funding. With the very likely probability that there will be another round of READI grant funding, Young is asking for project ideas for that second round.

As a reminder, the READI grants work on a 60 / 20 / 20 funding. 60% private funding, 20% public funding, and 20% grant, and the second round is expected to be the same.

Young is looking for new projects. The Economic Development Board has a Commissioner and a County Council member on the board. At the Commissioner's meeting earlier today, they motioned to designate Heather Gries and Aaron Benton to assist in the making decisions and being a county representative in determining future projects.

**Circuit Court / Tom Pulley**

Pulley provided the breakdown to payroll funding for the Family Recovery Court Coordinator / Court Social Worker. Total current funds total \$33,566.00. Distributions will come in quarterly. Total needed for the life of the grant for this year given she will only work 40 / 52 weeks is:

4111.00	Salary:	\$37,306.20
4124.00	Health Ins:	\$10,384.20
4121.00	FICA/Med:	\$ 2,854.00
4122.00	PERF:	\$ 5,297.48

Total \$55,841.88      Grant Total \$67,132.00

Minimum in accounts needed to get through to next quarter:

4111.00	Salary:	\$13,057.70
4124.00	Health Ins:	\$ 3,634.62
4121.00	FICA/Med:	\$ 998.91
4122.00	PERF:	\$ 1,854.19

Total \$19,545.42

(Difference of \$14,020.58 between current balance and minimum needed for quarter.) He would like to leave some surplus in general account to see if he can get approval from grant source to use for travel / education and maybe some supplies or incentives for FRC.

**Gogel motioned to approve the budget proposal for the Family Recovery Court Coordinator. Grose seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Sheriff / Sherri Heichelbech**

Heichelbech discussed a new grant opportunity. The Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and /or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Each award will support 75 percent of an officer or deputy entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for three years within a five-year period of performance to accommodate time needed for recruitment and hiring. There is a minimum 25 percent local cash match (cost share) requirement unless a waiver is approved. The maximum federal share per officer position is \$125,000 over the three-year period, (not \$125,000 per year). Any additional costs for higher than entry level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the recipient agency.

The current salary per year plus benefits is approximately \$60,000 per year.  
The three-year cost will be \$180,000. The grant will pay \$125,000 leaving the county only \$55,000 for three years of policing service.

The Deputy will be hired on the agreement that their employment is only guaranteed for six months after the three-year timeline.

**Fromme motioned to approve pursuing the grant. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Ambulance Service / Murray Stout**

Stout provided an update on the bid opening for the "New Type III Spencer County Ambulance" which happened at the Commissioner's meeting earlier today. Crossroads Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC bid \$350,078.00. There was a discussion about loans and payments. This will be discussed at the budget hearings this year for next year's budget.

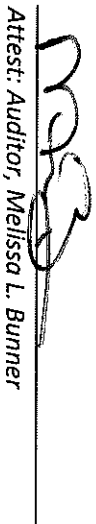
**Legal Report**

Nothing to report.

**Grose made a motion to adjourn. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.**

  
President

  
Sherri Heichelbech

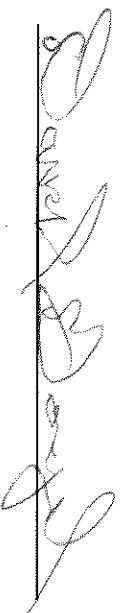
  
Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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