

**County Council Meeting**  
**June 20, 2023**

**Present:** Steve Haaff, Aaron Benton, Justin Grose, Brian Greulich, Susan Harris, David Fromme, and Auditor Melissa L. Bunner.      **Not present:** David Gogel & 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 May 16, 2023. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Additional Appropriation**

	Amount Requested	Approved
<b>Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/SHERIFF</b>		
Personal Services: Overtime	\$9,000	\$9,000

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

<b>Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/PROSECUTOR</b>		
Personal Services: Deputy Prosecutor / IV-D	\$14,850	\$14,850

*Fromme made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

<b>Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/JAIL</b>		
Personal Services: Commander / Matron / PERF	\$11,250	\$11,250

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

<b>Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/CIRCUIT COURT</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$5,000	\$5,000

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

<b>Fund Name: 1224 ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Legal Services	\$4,500	\$4,500

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

**Transfers**

<b>SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY</b>	Amount	Approved
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-33310-0000-0530		
Other Services & Charges: Contractual Services	\$6,740	\$6,740
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1176-11550-000-0530		
Personnel Services: Project Manager	\$6,740	\$6,740

*Grose made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

<b>SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY</b>	Amount	Approved
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-33310-0000-0530		
Other Services & Charges: Contractual Services	\$22,000	\$22,000
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1173-11550-000-0530		
Personnel Services: Project Manager	\$22,000	\$22,000

*Grose made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

<b>SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT/E-911 STATEWIDE</b>		
INCREASE ACCOUNT # 1222-45100-0000.00		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$8,238	\$8,238
DECREASE ACCOUNT # 1222-381410-0000.00		
Other Services: E911 Service Contract AT&T	\$8,238	\$8,238

*Grose made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

**Sheriff / Sherri Heichelbech**

Heichelbech provided information regarding a new grant opportunity. AKC Reunite offers grants to Sheriff's Offices across the country. They currently will offer \$7,500 as a match to any office that has \$2,500 in donations. This grant will pay for a Sheriff's Office K-9. They have received \$2,500 in donations. Since they do not have a K-9 Officer currently, the request is for approval to submit for the grant. ***Greulich motioned to approve pursuing this grant. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Heichelbech is asking for additional money for fuel through the end of the year. She has used \$55,000 so far this year. ***Haaff motioned to advertise \$50,000 out of County General Sheriff 105 4121.00. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Heichelbech is asking for \$4,000 in additional money for tires through the end of the year. ***Fromme motioned to approve advertising \$4,000 out of County General 1000 105 4223.00. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

Deputy Prosecutor / Eric Tempel came to discuss the paralegal to deputy prosecutor position conversion. No additional funds out of the (108) Prosecuting Attorney Budget are being requested. This request would convert the existing money for a paralegal in the amount of \$32,900 to be paid to the deputy prosecutor. The Deputy Prosecutor position would begin in July and be employed for 26 weeks in 2023. The total for a 26-week salary and benefits would be \$27,416.25 before the federal reimbursement. Once the 66% reimbursement is received, the County would be paying \$9,321.52 out of pocket from the (139) Child Support Division Budget in 2023. ***Fromme motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Assessor / Melissa Woolard**

Woolard is requesting new software and has presented a proposal from X-Soft. The cost is \$214,500 and be paid over a five (5) year period. The annual fee is \$36,950.00. This will be discussed further at budget time since this would be for next year.

**Treasurer / Elaine Jones**

Jones is asking for an additional for \$1,000 for extra help to finish out the 2023 tax season. ***Haaff motioned to approve advertising out of extra help. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**DNR / Joe Compton**

Not present.

**Health Department / Mindy Spinks**

Spinks is asking for \$25,000 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Grant. This is to have funds available for 2023 – 2024 grant period. PHEPC is a reimbursable grant issued by IDOH. Grant period runs from July 2, 2023 through June 30, 2024. ***Harris approved this request. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Spencer County Substance Abuse Council / Natalie Bolin**

Bolin presented her breakdown of Drug Free Fund Money and the amounts being granted to the community. She is asking for the money to be released for distribution. ***Haaff motioned to approve her request. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**ARPA**

Town of Chrisney provided an update on the project being funded by ARPA. Project estimated to begin by May 2024 and be completed by February 2025.

Rockport and Roll, presented by Jason Deweese, provided an update on their project. Road construction will be starting soon.

Mariah Hill Sewer District, presented by Lori Balbach, provided an update on their project. The money is being used to replace both pumps in Station 1 and one pump in Station 2.

**Legal Report**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

*Grise made a motion to adjourn. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.*

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President

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Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

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