

**County Council Meeting  
October 21, 2025**

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

**Budget Adoption Hearing**

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

Benton discussed all three (3) budgets.

Solid Waste Management budget \$1,061,154, Carter Fire budget \$220,000, and Spencer County budget \$19,940,284.

Benton asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No response.

**Greulich motioned to adopt all three (3) 2026 budgets as presented. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Gogel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.**

**County Council Meeting**

Meeting was called to order by President Benton at 5:05 P.M.

**Minutes**

**Grose made a motion to table the minutes of August 19, 2025, to make changes. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Additional Appropriation**

	Amount Requested	Approved
<b>Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COMMISSIONERS 0068</b>		
Other Services & Charges: GIS / Excise / Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Greulich motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Radio Util / Tower / Repeat / An	\$3,700	\$3,700
<b>Grose motioned to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Bldg / Structure	\$6,400	\$6,400
<b>Haaff motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: IT Maintenance	\$7,000	\$7,000
<b>Greulich motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Work Compensation	\$10,100	\$10,100
<b>Gogel motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Legal Services	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Greulich motioned to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried</b>		
Other Services & Charges: Emergency Ambulance Svs	\$66,000	\$66,000
<b>Haaff motioned to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.</b>		

**Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / VSO 0012**

Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$3,200	\$3,200
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**Harris made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SURVEYOR 0006**

Coit: LIT Surveyor ATV	\$20,000	\$17,067
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**Gogel made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SHERIFF 0005**

Coit: LIT Sheriff Vehicles	\$129,240	\$129,240
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**Haaff made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## Transfers

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY E911</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 1222-19000-0000		
Personal: Overtime	\$7,000	\$7,000
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 1222-36415-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Installation Contract	\$7,000	\$7,000

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

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY E911</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 1222-19000-0000		
Personal: Overtime	\$2,227.96	\$2,227.96
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 1222-38110-0000		
Other Services & Charges: E911 Sys Contract AT&T	\$2,227.96	\$2,227.96

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

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY E911</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 1222-19000-0000		
Personal: Overtime	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 1222-45100-0000		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$1,500	\$1,500

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

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 2501-41100-0000		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$745	\$745
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 2501-33501-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Education / Training	\$745	\$745

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

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 9116-22110-0000		
Supplies: Drug Testing Supplies	\$1,687.50	\$1,687.50
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 9116-11320-0000		
Personal: Case Manager I FT	\$1,687.50	\$1,687.50

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

	Amount	Approved
<b>SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS</b>		
<b>Increase Account:</b> 9116-39180-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Electronic Monitoring	\$1,343.85	\$1,343.85
<b>Decrease Account:</b> 9116-11320-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Case Manager I FT	\$1,343.85	\$1,343.85

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

### **Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for jail repairs (1138-36420-0000) in the amount of \$25,000. Extra is needed to finish out the year with having to replace the washing machine in July. That cost alone was over \$17,000. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise out of County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for dental (1000-31000-0380) in the amount of \$6,000. This money is needed to cover expenses already accrued by inmates and to cover for the rest of the year. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise out of County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for vehicle repairs (1000-36430-0005) in the amount of \$9,000. There is a repair needed to a Durango that was below our deductible and to help cover for the rest of the year. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise out of County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for part time help (1000-11950-0005) in the amount of \$4,780. This position is for 12 hours per week and will be needed to finish out the year. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise out of County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Goelzer Investment Management / Elaine Beatty**

Beatty presented the Spencer County Police Retirement and Benefit Plans Pension Reporting 2025 (IC 5-11-20-1.5 & 6)

Heichelbech is requesting approval to pursue a grant that will provide AED's. This will be no cost to the county. **Greulich motioned to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Spencer County Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold**

Arnold presented the 2026 SCVB Budget.

**Greulich motioned to approve the SCVB 2026 budget as presented. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Highway Department**

Kenney is requesting an additional for vehicle repairs (1176-36210-0533) in the amount of \$10,000.

**Legal Report** No Report.

**Old Business** No Report.

**New Business**

**Spencer County Emergency Ambulance / Jane Stout**

Stout is asking for approval to pursue a grant that will provide funding for cardiac monitors.

**Greulich motioned to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Highway Department is requesting an additional for repair of trucks and trailers (1176-36210-0533) in the amount of \$10,000. This will be needed to cover the rest of the year.

**Greulich motioned to advertise. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

EMA is requesting an additional to cover utilities (1000-35125-0361) in the amount of \$1,200. This will be needed to cover the rest of the year.

**Greulich motioned to advertise. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The Treasurer is requesting an additional to cover contractual services (1000-33310-0003) in the amount of \$1,500. This will be needed to cover the rest of the year.

**Greulich motioned to advertise. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Christy Powell with **RJL** made the following announcements:

READI 1.0 projects are on track for completion by December 2026 deadline.

READI 2.0 – IEDC has officially approved the Frosty Falls – 985K award – 44 units housing – groundbreaking December 2, 2025

Richland Community Center – 1.25 mil award – groundbreaking November 14, 2025

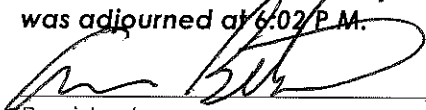
SCEDA Board Member appointments from each town and city are commencing.

SHIPS Act – A preparation meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2025 in anticipation of Senator Goodes visit in the area in November.


Draft SCEDA Website finalized and under review.

Social Media Campaign underway.

**Grose made a motion to adjourn. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.**

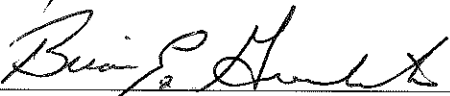
  
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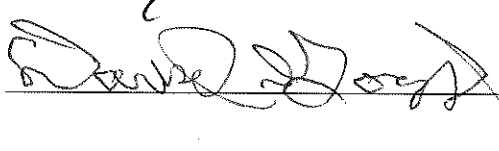
  
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Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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