

Budget Public Hearing and County Council Meeting
September 15, 2020

Present: Aaron Benton, Todd Grundhoefer, Blake Bunner, David Gogel, Steve Haaff, Brian Greulich, Todd Ruxer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner

Budget Public Hearing – Non-Binding & Binding reviews was called to order by President Aaron Benton at 5:00 P.M.

Announced the following budgets are being presented at this time: County General Budget, Reassessment Budget, Highway Budget, Local Roads and Street Budget, Cum Bridge, Health Budget, County 4H Budget, Cum Cap Development, Economic Development Income Tax Credit, Plat Book, Probation User Fee, E-911, Local Health and Maintenance Grants, Pre-Trial Diversion, Tobacco Settlement Grant, Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund, and the Law Enforcement Funds. These are the funds the Council worked on during budget hearing times. For the public, if you look at the Net Assessed Evaluation Fund, we are still working on the 85% so \$1.453 billion we will get the final 1780 notice hopefully in December for the final tax rate. This is a budget estimate. At this point he opened it up to the public for questions and invited anyone from the Council to comment as well.

Blake Bunner commented that he has been to budget hearings and presentations and the Council worked very hard to make sure it was appropriate and reasonable. In times of difficulty such as the pandemic we are facing, sometimes you need to fall back on necessity, the mother of invention, and everyone needs to become more efficient in the way that we operate our different departments. We must find new ways to get things done. We need to operate and have a better outcome with Human Resources to move forward. It is important to us as a County to have a good cash flow and with the unknown future of cash flow, the collection of those property taxes, we believe this budget that we assembled is a good one and a fair one. On top of that, I am proud that we were able to give our employees of the County a 2% pay raise and for the Sheriff's Dept we were able to do a little bit more.

Victor Ippoliti discussed the priorities currently in his department. Three (3) of his staff are pregnant and he is requesting part time help through end of year. Asking for laptops and sanitizing/purifiers for virus free environment. Asking for Council to approve these items. Benton asked Ippoliti to get quotes on the laptops and the air purifiers.

Benton asked if anyone else from the public had any comments. No one responded.

Ruxer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Grundhoefer seconded. Motion approved at 5:13 P.M.

County Council Meeting

Minutes

Bunner made a motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020, July 21, 2020, and August 18, 2020 Council meeting as presented. Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/LIT CERTIFIED SHARES(COIT)/Commissioners/Assessor		
Other Services: Attorney	\$ 26,279.00	\$26,279.00
Grundhoefer made the motion to approve the amount requested. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.		
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/LIT CERTIFIED SHARES(COIT)/Commissioners/Council		
Other Services: Town of Chrisney	\$ 7,000.00	\$6,400.00
Bunner made the motion to approve the \$6,400.00. Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved.		
TOTAL fund: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL LIT CERTIFIED SHARES(COIT)		
	\$ 33,279.00	\$32,379.00

Fund Name: 1222 STATEWIDE 911/Sheriff

Personnel Services: Overtime	\$	9,000.00	\$9,000.00
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Gogel made the motion to approve amount requested. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1222 STATEWIDE 911/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Dispatcher	\$	12,990.00	\$12,990.00
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Personnel Services: Overtime	\$	2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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Personnel Services: Social Security	\$	1,150.00	\$1,150.00
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Personnel Services: PERF	\$	2,130.00	\$2,130.00
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Total fund: 1222 STATEWIDE 911	\$	27,270.00	\$27,270.00
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Gogel made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period in the amount of \$27,270.00. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION/Prosecutor

Other Services: Miscellaneous Services	\$	14,400.00	\$14,400.00
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Greulich made motion to approve amount requested. Gogel seconded motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION/Prosecutor

Other Services: Miscellaneous Services	\$	794.00	\$794.00
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Greulich made motion to approve amount requested. Gogel seconded motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION/Prosecutor

Capital Outlay: Office Equipment	\$	1,013.00	\$1,013.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION/Prosecutor

Capital Outlay: Office Equipment	\$	2,844.00	\$2,844.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Part Time Clerical Assistant	\$	1,620.00	\$1,620.00
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Personnel Services: Social Security	\$	124.00	\$124.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Total fund: 1182 PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION	\$	20,795.00	\$20,795.00
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Fund Name: 1159 HEALTH/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Social Security	\$	590.00	\$590.00
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Personnel Services: PERF	\$	923.00	\$923.00
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Personnel Services: Payroll	\$	7,700.00	\$7,700.00
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Total fund: 1159 HEALTH	\$	9,213.00	\$9,213.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Payroll/FICA/PERF	\$	158,103.00	\$158,103.00
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Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/Commissioners/Auditor

Personnel Services: FICA	\$	437.00	\$437.00
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Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL/AUDITOR

Personnel Services: Temp Help	\$	5,612.00	\$0.00
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Auditor withdrew request.

Total Fund: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL	\$	164,152.00	\$158,540.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1224 REASSESSMENT/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Deputy	\$	2,254.00	\$2,254.00
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Personnel Services: Social Security	\$	175.00	\$175.00
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Personnel Services: PERF	\$	325.00	\$325.00
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Total Fund: 1224 REASSESSMENT	\$	2,754.00	\$2,754.00
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Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY/Council Payroll

Personnel Services: Social Security	\$ 2,858.00	\$2,858.00
Personnel Services: PERF	\$ 5,305.00	\$5,305.00
Personnel Services: Payroll	\$ 37,351.00	\$37,351.00
Total Fund: 1176 MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$ 45,514.00	\$45,514.00

Haaff made the motion to approve amount requested to cover the 27th pay period. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Decrease Account #1000-121-4324.00 \$400.00

Other Services: Travel

Increase Account #1000-121-4232.00.00 \$400.00

Supplies: Maintenance Contract Machines

Greulich made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

SPENCER COUNTY AUDITOR

Decrease Account #1000-102-4322.00 \$500.00

Other Services: Travel & Training

Increase Account #1000-102-4212.00.00 \$500.00

Supplies: Official Records

Gogel made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

SPENCER COUNTY AUDITOR

Decrease Account #1000-102-4322.00 \$1,500.00

Other Services: Travel & Training

Increase Account #1000-102-4211.00.00 \$1,500.00

Supplies: Office Supply

Gogel made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Rachel Gentry – Coroner

On agenda but did not attend meeting.

Grandview Solar/Justin Wolf

Wolf via phone requested the Council review and approve the change to the Revitalization Map referring to the Grandview Solar Project. Mary Solada (Attorney) was also on the phone. Since the last meeting they have expanded the project out amending the map to include some new land they have leased. The SB-1 and benefits stays the same. Only adding the new land to it. In the last meeting the Council requested Justin revise the SB-1 and fill in the salary amount for that employee. This is done. It lists one (1) employee with a minimum of \$50,000/year but it could be more. Also, there will be other jobs associated with this project. They will hire maintenance crews, mowing and vegetation, and repair work. They are not counted as full time jobs. They plan on hiring locals for those positions. The Council also asked about the map that was submitted with a parcel that should not have been included in the town of Grandview and has since been removed. The new ERA map provided should reflect the area to be abated. Refreshed on what benefits this project brings to the community. Estimated \$12 million in revenues to local landowners and project areas, estimated \$8 million in property tax benefits to Spencer County and Hammond Township and an estimated \$75 million project investment.

Justin did speak to Donna in Grandview and have removed the part that should not have been there. Ran permit through Town of Grandview from EPA for a large portion of the project. Three (3) options at this point. (1) Modify Agreement presented (2) Approve as presented or (3) Deny request.

Benton has opened this up for public comments.

One question from public is will any portion of the abatement be directed to the redevelopment commission?

Answer: No. We are lowering their property taxes. It is a phased in abatement.

Gogel questioned if in the future this potentially could lower electrical rates in the area. Justin responded that he agreed with this statement.

Attorney Foster has read and confirmed the documentation provided to the Council. Benton has reinstated that this is the same one that the Council took action on before just with the change to the map. The SB-1 has the addition with the salary information. The formality was to change the map on the area toward Chrisney.

Any questions or comments welcome at this time.

Bunner motioned to accept the Resolution 2020-14 as presented. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Bunner motioned to approve and sign the SB-1 as presented and they will come back to us to review it and they will hire someone, they will pay them \$50,000 and they will add value to the property in our County. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Projected estimated to start project in 2022 after harvest and be operational in 2023. Construction is 4-6 months long.

Legal Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

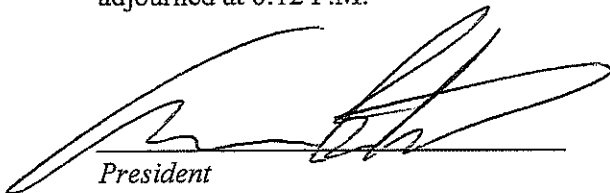
Nothing to report

New Business

Ambulance was approved through the Cares Act. Approved at State Level.

Gogel commented about Soil and Water needing a vehicle. Could have money out of Riverboat to purchase a vehicle. They want a 4 wheel drive SUV. Fund 1191 Riverboat has the money. Needs to be advertised. Greulich motioned to advertise \$20,000 out of Riverboat for Soil and Water to get a vehicle to serve their customers. Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn, Haaff seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.



President

Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

