

County Council Meeting
October 17, 2023

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Haaff, David Gogel, Justin Grose, Brian Greulich, Susan Harris, David Fromme, and 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 asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the 2024 budget. No response.

Gogel motioned to accept the 2024 budget as presented for Spencer County, Carter Fire, and Solid Waste Management District. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried. Budget is adopted.

Greulich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

County Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Benton at 5:02 P.M.

Minutes

Greulich made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2023. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
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Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL – LIT COIT

Capital Outlay: SCEAS	\$ 35,990	\$ 35,990
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Fromme made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 SHERIFF - 0005

Other Services & Charges: Vehicle Repairs	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
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Supplies: Uniforms	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
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Personal: Pension Insurance	\$ 4,354	\$ 4,354
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Gogel made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 CORONERS OFFICE - 0007

Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$ 867	\$ 867
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Grose made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 VSO - 0012

Supplies: Memorial Fund	\$ 700	\$ 700
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Haaff made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 PLANNING COMMISSION - 0079

Other Services & Charges: Legal Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
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Greulich made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 CIRCUIT COURT - 0232

Personal Services: GAL / CASA	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
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Other Services & Charges: Psychiatric Services	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
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Gogel made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1134 COVERED BRIDGE

Capital Outlay: Covered Bridge Repairs (Huffman)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
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Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1138 CUM CAP
Capital Outlay: Jail Repairs

\$ 9,700

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

Fund Name: 2000 PROBATION USERS FEE FUND

Capital Outlay: K-9 / Spencer County Law Enforcement

\$ 1,000

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

Fund Name: 9103 23-24 GRT SOTOXA MOBILE DEVICE

Capital Outlay: SoToxa Mobile Devices

\$ 36,355

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

Fund Name: 4012 SPENCER COUNTY K-9 FUND

Capital Outlay: K-9

\$15,972.44

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

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF - 0005

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 1000-32100

Other Services & Charges: Postage

Decrease Account: 1000-45100

Capital Outlay: Equipment

\$61.21

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

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFF - 0005

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 1000-19000

Personal Services: Overtime

Decrease Account: 1000-11404

Personal Services: Deputy Sheriff

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

\$61.21

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\$30,000

\$30,000

SPENCER COUNTY E-911 - 1222

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 1222-36350-0000

Other Services & Charges: IDAX Install / Services

Decrease Account: 1222-19000

Other Services & Charges: Overtime

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

\$61.21

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\$30,000

\$30,000

\$700

\$700

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT – 8896 IV-E

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 8896-11705

Personal Services: Sr. Court Reporter

Decrease Account: 8896-51000

Personal Services: Sr. Court Reporter

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

\$61.21

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\$30,000

\$30,000

\$700

\$700

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT – 8896 IV-E

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 8896-11710

Personal Services: Jr. Court Reporter

Decrease Account: 8896-51000

Personal Services: Jr. Court Reporter

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

\$61.21

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\$30,000

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\$700

\$700

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT – 8896 IV-E

Amount

Approved

Increase Account: 8896-12100

Personal Services: FICA

Decrease Account: 8896-51000

Personal Services: FICA

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

\$61.21

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\$30,000

\$30,000

\$700

\$700

Amount

Approved

\$315

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SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT – 8896 IV-E		Amount	Approved
Increase Account:	8896-11250		
Personal Services:	PERF	\$634	\$634
Decrease Account:	8896-51000		
Personal Services:	PERF	\$634	\$634
<i>Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>			

SPENCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT		Amount	Approved
Increase Account:	9125-45100		
Capital Outlay:	Equipment	\$2,900	\$2,900
Decrease Account:	9125-11700		
Personal Services:	Clerical	\$2,900	\$2,900
<i>Gogel made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>			

Hoffman Office Supply
Judge Dartt presented a quote for all new chairs (150 total). The quote came to \$66,309.00. **Gogel motioned to approve for advertisement out of County General COIT for next month. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Circuit Court / Michaela Claise
Claise is presenting a grant for the Spencer County Family Recovery Court in the amount of \$15,000. The grant period is August 3, 2023 through August 2, 2024. The grant purpose is to cover the cost of drug screens, participant treatment programs and services, and incentives to motivate participants. **Fromme motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech and Elaine Beatty
Elaine Beatty with Goelzer Investment Management discussed her search for a Trustee of the pension plan. No local banks were interested. First Merchants Bank in Muncie, Indiana handles this for other counties and is who she is recommending for our county. **Haaff motioned to approve First Merchants Bank as the Trustee of the pension plan. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The Health Department provided an update on the HFI plan. The HFI plan included utilization of the Legacy Funding and HFI. They discussed the plan with Dr. Weaver at her visit and they all were very supportive. At the October 11th Health Board meeting the funding that is in the Legacy Accounts were discussed. They would like to utilize this funding to expand services that fall within the Core Services of the Health Department. The Health Board made a motion to approve \$125,000 (carry forward monies) into 2024. Dr. Weaver and her team suggested the possibility of getting a letter of approval for the amount of carryforward before December 31, 2023. It was recommended that she bring a plan back to the Council in December for advertisement in January 2024.

Legal Report
Nothing to report.

Old Business
Nothing to report.

New Business
Steve Haaff provided a handout with information regarding the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association.

Haaff discussed the Federal Audit on the ARPA records. He attended the opening and closing meetings. At the closing it was reported that there were no findings and our recordkeeping impressed the Auditor.

Tom Pulley came to present a new grant opportunity. He has been approved to start an alternative dispute resolution program for low-income families in divorce and paternity cases to help facilitate agreements. There is now an extra \$20 on the filing fee for those type of cases which will be applied toward the fund for the program. The Grant is for seed money to begin implementing the program because it will take time to build a sufficient operating balance from the \$20 charges. **Fromme motioned to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Ashley Luecke from the Prosecutors Office sent information regarding the additional being requested today for the grant. The Prosecutor's Office was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$36,355 from the Spencer County Community Foundation to purchase SoToxa Oral Fluid Mobile Test System as a part

of our Rapid Advancement in Police Technology and Operational Resources (RAPTOR) initiative. The SoToxa devices are portable intoximeters designed to detect six categories of drugs in oral fluid, very familiar to portable breath tests for alcohol. An Officer can utilize the roadside device with suspected drugged drivers and determine within minutes whether an individual may have Amphetamine, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis (THC), Cocaine metabolite, Methamphetamine, or Opiates in their system.

EMA / Stephanie Melton and Mark Lautner

At the January 17, 2023 meeting, Melton requested funding for the AFG grant.

These are the minutes from that meeting:

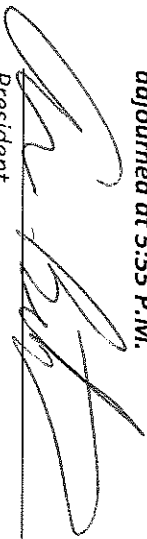
"Melton came with two (2) requests. The first is for the approval to complete the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) on behalf of all fire departments and the second is to ask the county to cover the cost of the match required by this grant. As a reminder, EMA was awarded \$149,000 last year to purchase 800 MHz radios to replace the old and outdated radios each department currently has. The old radios were purchased by a grant in 2007 and are at end of life. The grant cannot fund the entire project and more funding is going to have to be secured. Nothing has been done with this grant yet because she is waiting on final signatures at the state level. This new grant will cover / replace mobiles in all the fire department apparatuses and replace all the base mobiles in each fire station. This brings us to the handhelds and pagers, which the AFG will fund. However, with this grant there is a match. FEIMA has told her the final match could not be determined until the grant was completed but it would not be more than ten (10) percent of the final grant request. The quotes are based on 197 rostered volunteer firefighters in Spencer County. The estimated total grant cost currently is \$598,895.00 with a match of \$59,889.50. This grant is due February 10, 2023 and she needs a match approval before she can move forward." This was motioned and approved.

The AFG grant did not get funded. Melton is requesting to use the \$60,000 that was appropriated as a match, to use toward radio infrastructure for public safety radio system. The Council recommended she get a plan and bring it back with what is most urgently needed.

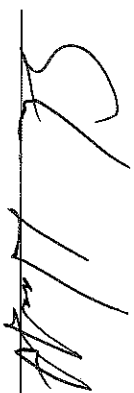
ARPA

At the Commissioners meeting earlier today, Sherri Heichelbech was approved through ARPA funding \$25,995.00 for HVAC repairs. Greulich motioned to approve ARPA funding for those repairs. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greulich made a motion to adjourn. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.



President



Vice President



Treasurer

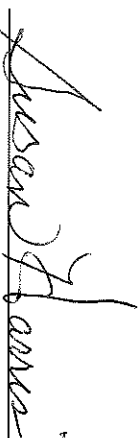


Secretary

Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



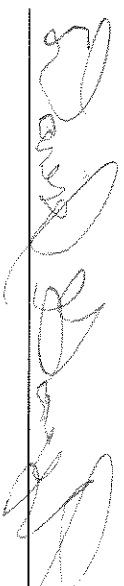
Auditor



Susan Hanna



David Thomas



Gary Stangor