

**County Council Meeting
September 16, 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 Public Hearing / Non-Binding & Binding Reviews

The Non-Binding / Binding letters have been sent out.

Sheriff is requesting 1000-11950-0005 Part Time Help should be \$22,620.

Fromme motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pre-Trial Diversion 2501-11108-0000 should be \$38,366.

Haaff motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recorder is asking to remove all accounts that were added for 2026.

Haaff motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Coroner is asking for 50/100. Figured from 34/68 but actual is 40/80.

Grose motioned to increase to 45/90. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jail figures for Dispatchers were calculated at 14 and should have been 12. Amanda and Mikeal were figured separately. Need to adjust 1000-11535-0380 and 1222-11620-0000 to \$274,560.00.

Haaff motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Highway Road Clerk was figured at wrong rate. The amount should be \$39,634.00.

Haaff motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greulich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

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Meeting was called to order by President Benton at 5:10 P.M.

Acknowledgment

Grose wanted to acknowledge an incident that he witnessed last week. There was an emergency situation involving a woman pinned under her car. Within minutes of calling for help, the Sheriff's Department arrived along with a local attorney, local citizens, Rockport Police, Fire Personnel and some inmates (Trustees) and with everyone there, they were able to lift this car off of this woman to save her. Everyone collaborated so well with one another. He wanted to give recognition to those who can remember being there. They are as follows: Police Chief David Hall, Captain Jake Philipps, Paramedic Bruce Nanney and EMT Jim Byam. Sam Thuerbach, Layla Thayer, Natasha Boyer, Zach Tucker, Ben Phillips, Justin Naylor, Tyler Daming, and John Wetherill. There were Jail Staff present as well as a few inmates/trustees.

Minutes

Greulich made a motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2025. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greulich made a motion to add a line in the minutes for August 22, 2025, stating the Commissioners and Council did not get an increase. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Greulich motioned to approve the minutes for August 20th, August 21st, and August 22nd with the change listed above. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SHERIFF 0005		
Supplies: Gas/Fuel/Oil	\$20,000	\$20,000

Haaff motioned to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CIRCUIT COURT 0232

Personal: Pauper Attorney	\$163,615	\$163,615
Personal: Pauper Documents	\$20,000	\$20,000
Personal: Petit Jurors	\$20,000	\$20,000
Other Services & Charges: Postage	\$4,000	\$4,000

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

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / JAIL 0380

Other Services & Charges: Maintenance Contracts	\$5,245	\$5,245
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Gogel made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fund Name: 1176 HIGHWAY

Supplies: Tires & Tubes	\$8,000	\$8,000
Supplies: Gas/Fuel/Oil	\$75,000	\$75,000
Other Services & Charges: Trucks & Tractors	\$40,000	\$40,000

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

Fund Name: 1237 OPIOID

Capital Outlay: Sheriff's Drug Incinerator	\$47,000	\$47,000
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Grose made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 2501-24200-0000		
Supplies: Computer Supplies	\$600	\$600
Decrease Account: 2501-32210-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$600	\$600

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

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-11705-0232		
Personal: Sr Court Reporters	\$3,401.91	\$3,401.91
Decrease Account: 8896-51000-0000		
Fund 8896 Title IV-E Expenditures	\$3,401.91	\$3,401.91

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

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for two (2) new vehicles (1138-36200-0000) in the amount of \$129,240.00. A Dodge Durango will serve as a reliable patrol unit and a Dodge Ram equipped as a K-9 unit is necessary to support our K-9 program. **Haaff motioned to approved to advertise out of County General COIT. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Prosecutor's Office / Megan Bennet

Bennet is going on leave in two (2) weeks. If during that time there is a jury trial, Bennet is asking for approval to pay a Prosecutor from another county to stand it at an hourly rate. **Gogel motioned to approve \$175/hour, if needed, to stand in. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Spencer County Emergency Ambulance / Jane Stout

Stout is asking for an additional in the amount of \$66,000 to fund ventilators for the ambulances. These ventilators will have the capabilities to perform CPAP and BIPAP. **Gogel motioned to approve advertising. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. 1000-39240-0068**

Recorder's Office / Kensie Coultas

Coultas presented a signed sworn statement stating that pursuant to IC 36-2-7-10(b) that the Spencer County Recorder may pay all or a portion of the expenses of the Spencer County Recorder's Office for calendar year 2026 from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund.

Ordinance 2025-05 was presented stating the County Council received a sworn affidavit from the Spencer County Recorder stating the Recorder may pay office expenses of the Recorder's Office from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund for the budget year 2026. **Greulich motioned to approve the ordinance. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried. This ordinance was adopted at first ready by unanimous vote.**

EMA / Stephanie Melton
Unable to attend. No Report.

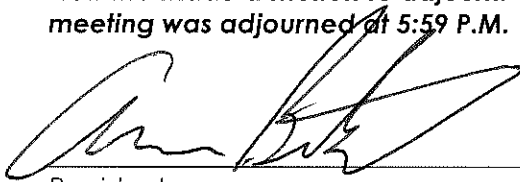
Legal Report
No Report.

Old Business
No Report.

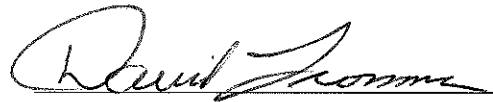
New Business
Ken Schaaf with Carter Fire came to present the 2026 Budget. **Haaff motioned to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Tyler Daming, Surveyor, provided quotes for a side x side because his current one is not operational. There are four (4) quotes, and he is waiting on others. He will bring the quotes to a future meeting. **Grose motioned to advertise \$20,000 out of County General COIT. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Fromme made a motion to adjourn. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 P.M.



President





Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



