

**County Council Meeting
April 21, 2026**

Present: Aaron Benton, David Gogel, Brian Greulich, Justin Grose, Steve Haaff, David Fromme, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner and Attorney Andrew Foster. Not present: Susan Harris

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

Minutes

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes for March 17, 2026, and for April 7, 2026. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mid States Corridor RDA

Benton spoke with Ken Mulzer Jr and they agreed as a board that they would meet until the end of 2027 and they either need to have done what they need by then or they won't and disband. They encouraged Spencer County to stay in until the end of 2027.

Greulich made a motion to adopt the ordinance 2026-02 "An Ordinance Authorizing Spencer County To Continue Participation In The Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority". Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote. This is the second reading.

Additional

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COMMISSIONERS 0068		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$7,500	\$7,500

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

Transfers

	Amount Requested	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT		
Increase Account: 1000-11705-0232		
Personal: Sr Court Reporters	\$35,000	\$35,000
Decrease Account: 1000-11710-0232		
Personal: Jr Court Reporters	\$35,000	\$35,000

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

Annual Appropriations

1000-43300-0068 COVID-19 \$9,883.08

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

Sheriff's Department

Heichelbech is requesting the purchase of high-threat rifle-rated ballistic vests to replace currently issued vests that are approximately three years past their manufacturer-recommended service life. These vests are worn in addition to standard daily body armor and are deployed during high-risk operations. There is no grant funding available. The cost is \$36,960.00. **Fromme motioned to advertise \$37,000 out of Riverboat. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Tenaska

Not ready to present. Will come to next meeting.

Indiana Veteran Property Tax Reform 2026

Auditor Bunner discussed the changes with the Veterans Deduction for 2026.

RJL Solutions / Christy Powell

Powell left information regarding the monthly status report. This is the same information presented at the Commissioner's meeting earlier today.

Legal Report

No Report

Old Business

No Report.

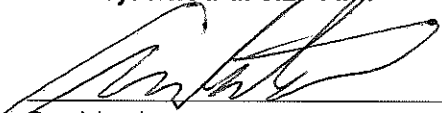
New Business

The Circuit Court is asking for an additional for Law Books in the amount of \$5,000. **Gogel motioned to advertise out of County General. Greulich seconded the motion. Grose opposed. Motion carried.**

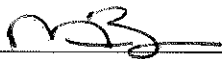
Dale Kenney with the Highway Department discussed the road projects slated for 2026. There was a bid opening today for the blacktop projects and the lowest bid was \$1.3 million. Phase I

(Old 231) is expected to start in July and is estimated to cost \$1,262,400. 80% of that money will be returned to the county. The budget for road projects is \$2 million.

Haaff made a motion to adjourn. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.



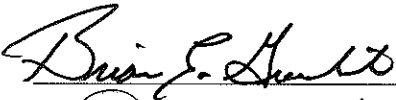
President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



David Fromm



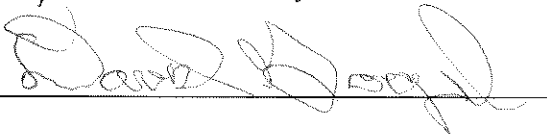
Brian J. Hunt



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Susan Harris



David D. Boyd