

**County Council Meeting
March 19, 2024**

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

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

Minutes

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CORONER 0007		
Other Services & Charges: Autopsy	\$30,000	\$30,000
Gogel made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CORONER 0007		
Capital Outlay: Pagets	\$4,236	\$0
This request was withdrawn.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COMMISSIONERS 0068		
Other Services & Charges: Insurance Renewal	\$100,000	\$100,000
Fromme made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1182-11700		
Personal Services: Clerical Assistant	\$393.24	\$393.24
Decrease Account: 1182-11300		
Personal Services: Summer Intern	\$393.24	\$393.24
Grose made a motion to approve. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9116-39180		
Other Services: Electronic Monitoring	\$4,618.85	\$4,618.85
Decrease Account: 9116-11440		
Personal Services: PT Data Collector	\$4,618.85	\$4,618.85
Gogel made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Annual Appropriations

There was discussion regarding two (2) funds on the list. 1168 Local Health and 1206 Tobacco Settlement. Those funds were removed. **Gogel motioned to approve the annual appropriations list with the removal of the 1168 and 1206. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Encumbrances

Bunner presented a request for an encumbrance. The Coroner needs \$168.61 encumbered from 2023 to 2024 to cover an invoice paid in January from Slade. **Greulich motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Circuit Court / Tom Pulley

Judge Dartt presented a letter inquiring about the Council's position on a renewed bid to request a magistrate from the state legislature. Foster wrote a letter last time. **Fromme motioned to support this bid and for Foster to prepare a letter. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Pulley discussed the Family Recovery Grant. **Haaff approved the grant. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Prosecutors Office

Bennett is requesting an additional for \$459.00 to pay for Office Cleaning through the end of 2024. She is also requesting an additional for \$651.00 to pay the remaining rent for 2024. **Greulich motioned to advertise both. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Community Corrections / Sylvia Holbrook

Holbrook presented the Annual Report CY2023 for Spencer County Community Corrections, Spencer County Drug Court, and Spencer County Jail Treatment. **Haaff approved. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Coroner / Layla Thayer

Thayer asked for the next ambulance scheduled to be replaced to be used as her removal vehicle. The new ambulance is expected to arrive in the first quarter of 2025. The ambulance being retired is No. 7491. At an earlier meeting today, the Commissioners approved her request pending Council approval for funding. **Fromme approved her request. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Economic Development

R.J.L presented a "Project Proposal" Community Economic and Prosperity Plan. There was discussion regarding the scope of work and timeline. The cost is \$144,000 per year. There are sixteen (16) full-time employees. At an earlier meeting today, the Commissioners approved the request with a 2-1 vote. **Haaff motioned to advertise from County General. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$12,648.00 for uniforms. Bullet proof vests are state mandated equipment. They have twelve (12) vests expiring in 2024. The life span is five (5) years. The average cost per vest is \$1,054.00 and there is a grant that is reimbursable for fifty (50%) percent of the cost. This grant is called the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership. **Fromme motioned to advertise out of County General. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$28,000.00 for Maintenance Contracts. This is for the Flock Camera System. **Greulich motioned to advertise out of County General. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech has a Memorandum of Understanding Criminal Justice Course Instruction with the South Spencer School Corporation. Deputy Lucas Hemmerlein teaches three (3) classes for 181 days during the 2023 – 2024 school year. This money has been deposited into County General. She is asking for an appropriation to her OT budget line. **Grose motioned to advertise. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Spinks presented the proposed budget for the immunization grant. This grant is reimbursable. The Health Board has reviewed and signed the proposal. It has been submitted to the State and they should hear back by May if they are awarded the funding. The budget reflects the same / similar proposals as the past years. **Gogel motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ARPA

At the last Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners approved an ARPA request for Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$29,000. **Haaff motioned to approve to advertise. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Haaff motioned to approve advertising and additional \$21,000 out of Riverboat for Habitat for Humanity. Gromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Report

Foster presented the first draft of Ordinance No. 2024-04 "ORDINANCE OF THE SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ISSUE ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (SAINT MEINRAD ABBEY PROJECT), AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO" **Greulich motioned to introduce it for first reading. Grose seconded the motion. Gogel abstained from voting. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote.**

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

No Report.

Greulich made a motion to adjourn. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.



President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner












