

**County Council Meeting
October 15, 2024**

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Haaff, David Gogel, Justin Grose, Brian Greulich, Susan Harris, David Fromme, 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 reviewed the budget order. The adopted budget totals \$18,404,721 and the adopted tax rate totals \$0.5223.

Greulich motioned to approve the budget as presented. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

County Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Benton at 5:03 P.M.

Haaff made a motion to amend the agenda to allow RJL Solutions to present first. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RJL Solutions / Jonathan Blake

Jonathan Blake with RJL Solutions provided an update. There are currently two (2) prospective economic development projects that could result in significant investments in Spencer County. They are being called Project Spark (2024-01) and Project Turbine (2024-02).

There are two (2) READI 1.0 projects remaining. Orchard Estates and the Back 9 Development. The Back 9 Development did not meet deadline requirements. The recommendation to revoke the \$500,000 from Back 9 Development and reallocated to the Orchard Estates project has been approved. This will keep the investment in Spencer County.

READI 2.0 applications will be accepted until noon on October 25, 2024.

Minutes

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2024. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SHERIFF 0005		
Other Services & Charges: Vehicle Repair	\$17,947	\$17,947

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

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / ELECTION BOARD 0062		
Personal Services: Absentee Voting Board	\$5,000	\$5,000

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

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COMMISSIONERS / COURTHOUSE 0068		
Capital Outlay: Computer Software	\$12,940	\$12,940

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

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CIRCUIT COURT 0232		
Personal Services: Pauper Attorney	\$73,122	\$73,122

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

Fund Name: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 1126		
Capital Outlay: Office Equipment / Computers	\$5,300	\$5,300

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

Fund Name: OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND 1238

Other Services & Charges: MRT	\$4,900	\$4,900
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$26,877	\$26,877

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

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-22110-0000		
Supplies: Drug Testing Supplies	\$2,600	\$2,600
Decrease Account: 9122-11490-0000		
Personal Services: PT Perf Field Officer	\$2,600	\$2,600

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

SPENCER COUNTY 911	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1222-19000-0000		
Personal Services: OT	\$10,000	\$10,000
Decrease Account: 1222-38110-0000		
Other Services & Charges: E911 Service Contract AT&T	\$10,000	\$10,000

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

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech is requesting an additional for \$3,280 for Part time help to use for the remainder of the year. **Harris motioned to advertise out of County General Jail. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Prosecutor's Office

Bennet is asking to transfer \$28,000 of VOCA Grant reimbursement funds receipted into Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 1182 transferred into VOCA Grant Cash Match 1182-11108-0000 to pay Victims Advocate salary through the end of the year.

Bennet is asking to transfer \$1,700 of VOCA Grant reimbursement funds receipted into Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 1182 transferred into FICA 1182-12100-0000 to pay FICA for Victims Advocate through the end of the year.

Bennet is asking to transfer \$4,000 of VOCA Grant reimbursement funds receipted into Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 1182 transferred into PERF 1182-12250-0000 to pay PERF for Victims Advocate through the end of the year.

Fromme motioned to approve advertising all three (3) requests. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold

Arnold presented the 2025 Spencer County Visitors Bureau Budget. She discussed income, expenses, marketing, operations, employee benefits, mortgage and capital expenses. Cash flow overview is as follows:

Balance EOY 2024:	\$412,128
Projected 2025:	\$550,225
Projected Expenses:	\$590,119
Projected 2026 Beg Balance:	\$372,234

Greulich motioned to approve the 2025 Budget. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Legal Report

No report.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

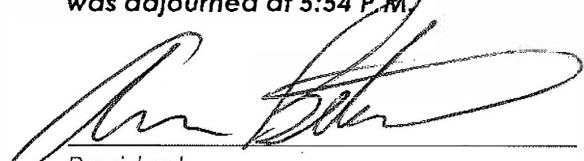
Benton presented the 2025 budgets for Carter Fire and Solid Waste. Haaff motioned to approve these budgets for 2025 as presented. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fromme asked the status of the new positions being discussed. Heather Gries let them know the Commissioners are working on a plan and will bring back to Council as soon as possible.

Fromme also discussed sewer rates. Benton stated this will be looked at next year.

Frank Ingram, Spencer County Resident made a public comment about the county looking at rented properties and a possible opportunity to save money.

Greulich made a motion to adjourn. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.



President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

