

**County Council Meeting
December 17, 2024**

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

County Council Meeting

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

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2024. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / PROSECUTOR 0009		
Other Services & Charges: Misc Services / Trial	\$4,038	\$4,038
Fromme made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / ELECTION BOARD 0062		
Supplies: HAVA Grant Election Supplies	\$12,113	\$12,113
Grose made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Fund Name: 1237 OPIOID RESTRICTED FUND		
Capital Outlay: The Way of Rockport	\$22,600	\$22,600
Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-32210-0314		
Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Decrease Account: 1000-11110-0314		
Personal Services: Building Inspector	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Gogel made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-24240-0380		
Supplies: Bedding & Linen	\$900.00	\$900.00
Decrease Account: 1000-22310-0380		
Supplies: Inmate Supplies	\$900.00	\$900.00
Harris made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-11800-0380		
Personal: Janitor	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Decrease Account: 1000-11950-0380		
Personal: Part Time Help	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-19000-0005		
Personal: Overtime	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Decrease Account: 1000-11404-0005		
Personal: Deputy Sheriff	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Gogel made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-11605-0380		
Personal: Head Cook	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
Decrease Account: 1000-11535-0380		
Personal: Radio Dispatchers	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00
Fromme made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-39180-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Electronic Monitoring/Contract	\$4,211.53	\$4,211.53
Decrease Account: 9122-11490-0000		
Personal: PT Perf Field Officer	\$4,211.53	\$4,211.53

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

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-39180-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Electronic Monitoring/Contract	\$335.77	\$335.77
Decrease Account: 9122-11520-0000		
Personal: Office Manager	\$335.77	\$335.77

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

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-39180-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Electronic Monitoring/Contract	\$4,667.70	\$4,667.70
Decrease Account: 9122-11320-0000		
Personal: Case Manager I FT	\$4,667.70	\$4,667.70

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

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9122-22110-0000		
Supplies: Drug Testing Supplies	\$2,781.42	\$2,781.42
Decrease Account: 9122-12250-0000		
Personal: PERF	\$2,781.42	\$2,781.42

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

SPENCER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 9123-22110-0000		
Supplies: Drug Testing Supplies	\$2,920.00	\$2,920.00
Decrease Account: 9123-12250-0000		
Personal: Pension	\$2,920.00	\$2,920.00

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

SPENCER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-11900-0063		
Personal: Board of Commissioners	\$202.50	\$202.50
Decrease Account: 1000-31110-0063		
Other Services & Charges: Legal Services	\$202.50	\$202.50

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

SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1173-11206-0531		
Personal: Equipment Operators	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Decrease Account: 1176-11206-0531		
Personal: Equipment Operators	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

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

SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1173-11950-0531		
Personal: PT Help	\$700.00	\$700.00
Decrease Account: 1176-11950-0531		
Personal: PT Help	\$700.00	\$700.00

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

SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1173-12250-0531		
Personal: PERF	\$800.00	\$800.00
Decrease Account: 1176-12250-0531		
Personal: PERF	\$800.00	\$800.00

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

SPENCER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1173-11950-0531		
Personal: PT Help	\$700.00	\$700.00
Decrease Account: 1176-11950-0531		
Personal: PT Help	\$700.00	\$700.00

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

SPENCER COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-11330-0062		
Personal: Absent Voter Board	\$7,636.83	\$7,636.83
Decrease Account: 1000-11700-0062		
Personal: Clerical Assistant	\$676.83	\$676.83
Decrease Account: 1000-11750-0062		
Personal: Clerical Assistant	\$5,440.00	\$5,440.00
Decrease Account: 1000-11920-0062		
Personal: Clerical Assistant	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00
Grose made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech
 No report.

Coroner / Layla Thayer
 Thayer sold an old ambulance for scrap totaling \$553.50. She is asking for that money to be transferred to her fund 1000-45100-0007 to be used for the purchase of equipment. Since it is at the end of the year, she needs to use her new budget money to purchase what she needs and ask for an additional next year if she runs short.

Prosecutor's Office
 Bennett is requesting approval to apply for a grant. It is for Court Reform Grants (CRG) and operates as a reimbursable grant. She is applying for the Technological Innovation section and is for \$40,000. **Grose made a motion to approve pursuing the grant. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Bennett is requesting approval to purchase water for her department. She received a water cooler as a donation and in Pre-Trial Diversion, it is permissible to purchase water. Her concern comes from a letter from the local water company stating the depending on the pipes into the building, the water could be contaminated with lead. **Gogel motioned to approve. Harris seconded the motion. ALL OPPOSED. Motion died.**

There was discussion that there might be something in the handbook regarding the purchase of water for departments is not allowed.

Gogel motioned to have the water tested at the Prosecutor's Office. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Salary Ordinance 2025
 A copy of the 2025 Salary Ordinances has been provided. This will be discussed at the first meeting in 2025.

Assessor's Office / Melissa Woolard
 Woolard is asking to encumber the rest of the deputy fund of \$11,445.39 to cover her part time position for 2025. Bunner was instructed to do an additional for January out of 1224 for \$14,840.

Opioid Funding
 The Commissioners approved a request from The Chrisney Fire Department for \$22,600 out of the Opioid funds on November 4, 2024. **Grose motioned to approve the funding for \$20,400 out of Unrestricted. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Surveyor / Jeff Meredith
 Meredith is asking for funding for a ditch clean out at Crooked Creek. This project was bid out and the bid was awarded to Kennedy Excavating for \$8,550.00. **Grose motioned to approve advertising out of Rainy Day. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report
 AEP is requesting a letter of support from the County Council for grant funding. This letter states it supports AEP's proposal to pursue an Early Site Permit in Rockport, Indiana and the prime applicant's request for grant funding through the U.S. Department of Energy Generation III + Small Modular Reactor Pathway to Deployment program. **Fromme approved the letter. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

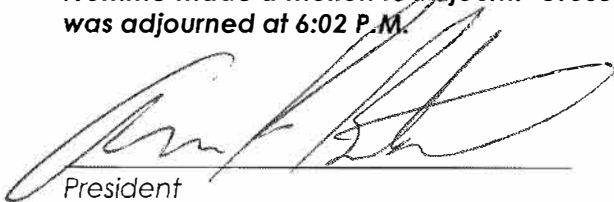
Old Business
 Darrell Stephens / Clerk came back to the meeting to provide an update. At the October 15, 2024 meeting, Stephens received a \$5,000 additional to cover the Absentee Voting Board. As we arrived at year end, he was able to save \$5,448.83 to return to County General. He thanked the board for their continued support.

New Business

Benton discussed the new Regional Fire Training Center. They need \$201,863 to get the project done. **Grose motioned to advertise \$200,000 out of County General COIT and to create a new line under EMA. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Benton discussed the not-for-profits and how the county will manage the budget money given to them. He asked Foster to draft an agreement with YCC 4H for settlement money to specify the uses of the funding will be used for insurance, utilities, repairs / maintenance and mortgage. More information will need to be provided for the other organizations.

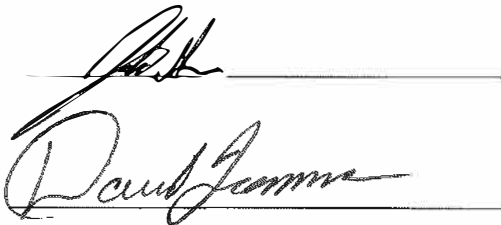
Fromme made a motion to adjourn. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 P.M.



President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner



David Fromme



Brian E. Shaulish



Sh. Huff



Susan Harris



David Gogel