

County Council Meeting
September 20, 2022

Present: David Gogel, Aaron Benton, Susan Harris, Todd Ruxer, Brian Greulich, Steve Haaff, Todd Grundhoefer, Attorney Andrew Foster, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner

Budget Public Hearing – Non-Binding & Binding Reviews was called to order by President Steve Haaff at 5:00 P.M.

Haaff started by letting everyone know the 2023 Budget Review letters have been sent out. Benton read the following list of changes that have been made to the budget since the budget hearings:

136 Court Reporters changed from 4 Sr Reporters and 3 Jr Reporters to 5 Sr Reporters and 2 Jr Reporters
139 Child Support needed Social Security \$5035.00 and Perf \$9346.00 added to budget lines
1173 Highway needed \$50,000.00 Insurance added to line
1222 Dispatch / Jail changed from 7 & 5 to 6 & 6. \$213,284.00 for Jail and \$213,284.00 for Dispatch
4907 EMA need to remove \$5,000.00 Hazmat request and move to EMA Budget
108 Prosecutor needed Social Security and Perf added to budget lines

This budget is \$300,000.00 higher than last year.

Layla Thayer questioned 107-000-4351.00. This was lower than what she requested.

Grundhoefer motioned to increase this budget line to \$3,150.00 from \$1,600.00. Harris seconded the motion, motion approved.

Layla Thayer questioned 107-000-4442.00. She was asked to get a quote for the office equipment she needs and bring back to next meeting. This will be advertised out of Cum Cap.

Layla Thayer questioned 107-000-4441.00. She is receiving a grant for part of the items she needs and was leaning on the budget to secure the remainder of the items.

Haaff motioned to change her budget amount to \$1,000.00 from \$500.00. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Haaff asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No response.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn the budget meeting. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:13 P.M.

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Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2022. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / Sheriff		
Supplies: Gas, Oil, & Lube	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Benton made a motion to approve. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / Sheriff		
Supplies: Uniforms	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00
Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion, motion approved.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / Sheriff / Jail		
Supplies: Janitor / Paper	\$6,800.00	\$6,800.00
Grundhoefer made a motion to approve. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / Coroner		
Other Services: Autopsy Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Gogel made a motion to approve. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / Circuit Court		
Supplies: Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Greulich made a motion to approve. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.		

Fund Name: 1138 CUM CAP / Circuit Court		
Capital Outlay: Law Books	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Benton made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Courthouse Repairs \$22,000.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Jail HVAC Project \$150,000.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Highway \$23,349.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Ambulance Service \$43,000.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Lamar Sewer System \$39,800.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 8950 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 / Commissioners
Other Services: Christian Resource Center \$20,180.00
Ruxer made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

Fund Name: 1191 RIVERBOAT
Other Services and Charges: Drainage Plan \$50,000.00
Benton made a motion to approve. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY SURVEYOR
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1191-000-4341.00 \$50,000.00
Riverboat: Drainage Plan
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 2700-000-4025.00 \$50,000.00
General Drainage Maint: JB Chrisney Watershed
Benton motioned to approve this transfer. Greulich seconded the motion, motion approved.

SPENCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
DECREASE ACCOUNT# 1159-000-4121.00 \$160.00
Personnel Services: Part Time Seasonal Help
INCREASE ACCOUNT# 1159-000-4181.00 \$160.00
Personnel Services: Comp Board of Health
Gogel motioned to approve this transfer. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.

EMA / Stephanie Melton
Melton presented a grant for a Communication System that is 100% reimbursable. She is seeking permission to apply for the grant. The quote for the radios is \$19,623.54. *Benton motioned to approve her request. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.*

Spencer County Visitors Bureau / Melissa Arnold
Arnold presented the Spencer County Visitor's Bureau 2023 Budget Summary and Projected Expense Budget. She discussed the projected income and the budgeted expenses in four (4) categories: Marketing Expenses, Operational Expenses, Employee Expenses, and Visitor Center Development. *Gogel motioned to approve. Benton seconded the motion, motion approved.*

PSC & Southern Indiana Power/ Steve Seibert, Jim Dauby, & Darren Brown
All three presented information regarding the status of the Spencer County Broadband Project.

The NLC Grants 104 and 107 (Rural Vectren, Unserved Towns) expire September 23, 2022. Grant 105 (Rural SIP) expires November 1, 2022.

Mainline fiber construction finished up in all grant areas in July.

As the grants wind to a close at the end of October, PSC and SIP will continue to support doing new drop activity for SIP and RDOF customers for the foreseeable future. Locations will no longer be differentiated as "funded" or "unfunded", and a \$200 drop fee will apply to all Spencer County customers (not including those in the PSC co-op).

PSC continues to promote the Indiana Connectivity Program for those Spencer County residents who are not within the SIP footprint or are SIP customers that want to ensure they will get connected in 2023.

There was discussion regarding the final payment of \$425,000.00. **Gogel motioned to advertise the final payment from CEDIT. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.**

Legal Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

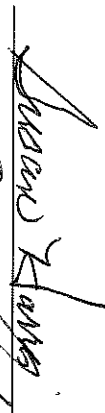
New Business

The Auditor's Office needs a new server. The quote is for \$34,980.72. **Benton motioned to advertise \$35,000.00 out of Cum Cap. Grundhoefer seconded the motion, motion approved.**

Logan Day came to present the Scenic Railway project that is currently in ARPA consideration. The request is for \$142,750.00. The funds would be utilized to rehabilitate a railroad siding at the former pressboard factory located at 10841 E County Road 1100 N in Evanston, Indiana. The existing sidetrack is in a state of disrepair and the train equipment cannot be safely moved across it. Once repaired, the track can be used to ensure consistent access for passenger excursion train operations in locations across Spencer County. Presently, the Spencer County Port Authority is requiring that the Ohio River Scenic Railway have access to a private siding where the train can be stored off the mainline prior to allowing meaningful access to train rides in Spencer County. Through at least 2025, the Perry County Port Authority has prohibited the train operator (Ohio River Scenic Railway) from moving the train across the Anderson River Bridge using their own employees. Therefore, there needs to be a private siding where the train can be stored at any time.

Ruxer made a motion to adjourn. Harris seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

President



Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

