

County Council Meeting **June 17, 2025**

Present: Aaron Benton, David Gogel, Justin Grose, Susan Harris, David Fromme, Brian Greulich, Steve Hauff, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner **Not Present:** 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 May 20, 2025. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / SHERIFF 0005	Amount Requested	Approved
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$30,000	\$30,000
Hauff motioned to approve both Petit requests. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CIRCUIT COURT 0232	
Personal Services: Interpreter	\$4,000
Other Services & Charges: Travel	\$5,000
Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.	

Fund Name: 1135 HIGHWAY	
Other Services & Charges: Contractual Services	\$100,000
Greulich made a motion to approve. Hauff seconded the motion. Motion carried.	

Fund Name: 1176 HIGHWAY	
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$84,000
	\$75,000
Grose made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.	

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1161	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1161-11540-0000		
Personal Services: Billing Clerk Salary	\$4,404.00	\$4,404.00
Decrease Account: 1161-11510-0000		
Personal Services: PHN#1 Extra	\$3,204.00	\$3,204.00
Decrease Account: 1161-11511-0000		
Personal Services: PHN#2 Extra	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Fromme made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY STATEWIDE 911 1222	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1222-22115-0000		
Supplies: Generator	\$16,119.04	\$16,119.04
Decrease Account: 1222-38110-0000		
Other Services & Charges: E911 Service Contract AT&T	\$16,119.04	\$16,119.04
Hauff made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-36300-0232		
Other Services & Charges: Computer, War, Sup, Maint	\$600.00	\$600.00
Decrease Account: 1000-21100-0232		
Supplies: Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00
Harris made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

EMA / Stephanie Melton & Mark Launer

The Fire VHF system used by the Fire Department, Coroner, EMS, EMA, and the weather sirens is at the end of life and no more parts are being made for replacements. The recommendation is a two-site analog simulcast single channel system that will allow any VHF radio to be able to use the system. Also asking for a "Statewide Health of Radio System" as a second part. This system will be able to lower the ISO rating for each fire department where it would save homeowners on their home insurance rates. **Grose motioned to approve putting it out there for bids. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Melton is asking to sell the old coastal boat, putting a \$1,200 reserve on it. She is also requesting that the money from the sale be used by EMA to purchase new water rescue equipment. Things needed include a spare tire for the trailer, anchor, life jackets, throw bags, oars, and radios. She was instructed to sell the vehicle and come back. At that point they will discuss her funding needs at that time.

Superior Ag / Richard Lloyd

Starting August 1, 2025, Superior Ag is constructing a \$15 mil Fertilizer Facility in Spencer County under the name Summit Terminal LLC. It will employ 14 – 15 positions with 10 new and 4-5 being transferred. There will be an estimated \$7 million in equipment. Lloyd is asking for a ten-year abatement. **Benton abstained from voting. Fromme motioned to table until the next meeting. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

R/L Solutions / Jonathan Blake

Blake provided a year in review and is presenting an Economic Development Plan.

Appointment

Lincoln Heritage Public Library is seeking reappointment for Linda Hassfurther. Her term expires May 31, 2025, and would be reappointed to a four year term beginning May 31, 2025 and ending May 31, 2029. **Greulich motioned to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Legal Report

No Report.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

Health Department / Mindy Spinks

Spinks is requesting a permit fee increase. This is going through the Commissioners right now and will be brought back to Council once the ordinance is updated.

Coroner / Layla Thayer

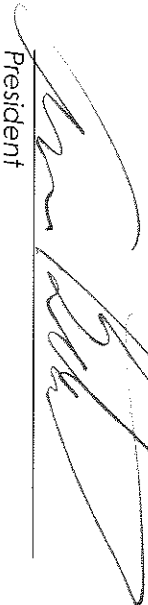
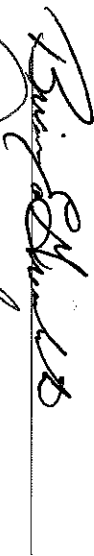
Thayer is asking for an additional for \$25,000 to cover autopsy expenses. **Gogel motioned to advertise the \$25,000 out of autopsy expenses. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Benton wants to discuss the wheel tax and rates at the next meeting.

Gogel wants to discuss the Credit Card Ordinance / Policy initiated by the County Commissioners at the meeting.

Fromme made a motion to adjourn. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

President



Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

