**County Council Meeting**
**January 21, 2025**

***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.***

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

**Minutes**
***Greulich made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2025. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Additional Appropriation**

| | Amount Requested | Approved |
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| **Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / COIT** | | |
| Capital Outlay: Regional Fire Training Center | $200,000 | $200,000 |

***Haaff made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

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| **Fund Name: 1186 Rainy Day** | | |
| Other Services & Charges: Surveyor/Crooked Creek | $8,550 | $8,550 |
| Other Services & Charges: Cornerstone Verified Rec | $2,632 | $2,632 |

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

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| **Fund Name: 1238 OPIOID UNRESTRICTED FUND** | | |
| Other Services & Charges: Chrisney Fire Dept/Lucas | $20,400 | $20,400 |

***Haaff made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Highway Department / Dale Kenney**
Kenney is asking for approval and funding to purchase a new tandem dump truck. ***Haaff motioned to approve advertising $155,000 out of 1176. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Coroner / Layla Thayer**
Thayer would like to invite everyone to the Deputy Coroner Badge Ceremony being held on February 18, 2025 at 2:30 P.M.

Thayer is asking for approval to move forward with a grant opportunity from the Spencer County Substance Abuse Council. She uses this grant to purchase her Deterra (Safe Drug Disposal packets). ***Grose motioned to approve applying for the grant. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Salary Ordinance**
***Gogel motioned to approve the 2025 Salary Ordinance as presented. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

**Legal Report**
Foster is drafting a letter to issue the sewer companies regarding rates.

There were questions regarding the status of the contracts for the not for profits in the County. Bunner is working with Josh Claybourn and will include Andrew Foster in the conversation. Updates will be made available soon.

**Old Business**
***Gogel motioned to appoint Ashley Peters to the Lincoln Heritage Public Library Board. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.*** This will be a four (4) year term effective Monday, January 27, 2025.

Spinks provided an update on the position description for a new position "Environmental & Building Inspector". It was presented to the Health Board and approved with a few language changes. It was agreed that the Environmental side would report to the Health Board and the Building Inspector would report to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners approved at the meeting earlier today. There was discussion about $60,000 with a split between Health (1159) and Commissioners (0068). ***Haaff motioned to approve the position. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.***
Mike Sisley brought up a request for a pay increase for Mindy Spinks. He was advised to bring this to the next set of budget meetings for consideration.

**New Business**
No Report.

***Fromme made a motion to adjourn. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M.***

*President*

*Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner*