

County Council Meeting
July 15, 2025

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

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

Minutes

Grose made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CORONER 0007		
Other Services & Charges: Autopsy Expenses	\$25,000	\$25,000
Fromme motioned to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL / CIRCUIT COURT 0232
Other Services & Charges: Computer Warranty, Sup Maint \$7,500 \$7,500
Harris made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfers

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE		
Increase Account: 2501-45120-0000		
Capital Outlay: Law Books	\$200	\$200
Decrease Account: 2501-22140-0000		
Supplies: Janitor / Paper Products	\$200	\$200
Gogel made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE		
Increase Account: 1000-31116-0660		
Other Services & Charges: Office Cleaning	\$230	\$230
Decrease Account: 1000-45100-0660		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$230	\$230
Grose made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Increase Account: 1161-44210-0000		
Capital Outlay: Clinic Machines	\$6,000	\$6,000
Decrease Account: 1161-31604-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Contractual Services	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fromme made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT		
Increase Account: 9170-22106-0000		
Supplies: Community Outreach	\$5,000	\$5,000
Increase Account: 9170-31107-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Participant Transportation	\$5,000	\$5,000
Decrease Account: 9170-24210-0000		
Supplies: Incentives	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT		
Increase Account: 9150-39262-0000		
Other Services & Charges: Participant Treatment Programs	\$10,000	\$10,000
Decrease Account: 9170-24210-0000		
Supplies: Incentives	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

	Amount	Approved
SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT		
Increase Account: 1000-11705-0232		
Personnel: Senior Court Reporters	\$3,257.76	\$3,257.76
Decrease Account: 8896- IV-E Fund		
IV-E Fund	\$3,257.76	\$3,257.76
Greulich made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.		

Sheriff's Department / Sherri Heichelbech

Heichelbech is requesting an additional to cover Inmate Prescriptions (1000-30900-0380) in the amount of \$12,500.00. Due to the number in inmates, the medications have increased and exceeded the budgeted amount. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional to cover meals (1000-39200-0380) for the remainder of 2025 in the amount of \$62,000. Due to the number of inmates, the average monthly expenditure is \$13,500. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional to the Jail Hospital account (1000-31115-0380) in the amount of \$37,500. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional in the Cell Phone account (1000-35100-0005) in the amount of \$5,400 to cover the remainder of the year. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Heichelbech is requesting an additional in the Jail OT account (1000-19000-0380) in the amount of \$40,000 to cover the remainder of the year. **Gogel motioned to approved to advertise. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

EMA / Stephanie Melton & Mark Lauther

PSC Fiber of St. Meinrad has donated a 180' tall solid rod tower to Spencer County. This will be relocated to the Rockport EMS station. This tower will be owned by Spencer County Government and maintained by Spencer County Government.

Lauther discussed the need for a professional coverage study to be done to obtain specs for a performance bid process. This study will cost \$10,000. Once the radio committee has these studies, they will determine a set of performance specs to be let out for bid. **Gogel motioned to advertise out of County General COIT. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

There was a bid opening for the 1997 PRO-MASTER coastal boat Model#190, 19' in length, force outboard motor 150 HP 2 stroke engine with trailer at the Commissioner's Meeting today. Melton is asking for the \$3,000 to be appropriated to EMA to use for supplies / equipment. She will do an additional for next meeting and the Council can discuss at that time.

Family Recovery Court / Michaela Claise

Claise presented a request to apply for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant 2026. It was approved at the Commissioner's Meeting earlier today. **Grose motioned to approve her request to apply. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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. **Gogel motioned to approve the 10-year phase in abatement on real and personal property. Fromme seconded the motion. Grose opposed. Motion carried.**

Superior Ag is hosting a "Breaking Ground" ceremony on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. CST at the future site of the new Superior Ag Ohio River Terminal at 2483 IN-66 in Rockport, Indiana.

Wheel & Vehicle Tax

The municipal wheel tax and vehicle tax are local options available to all municipalities with a population of 5,000 and above. All wheel tax and vehicle taxes are collected through registration fees during the annual registration process by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Foster has presented Ordinance 2025-04 "The Spencer County Council An Ordinance Regarding Grants Involving Spencer County." **Greulich motioned to table until the next meeting. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

County Credit Cards

No Report.

Legal Report

No Report.

Old Business

No Report.

New Business

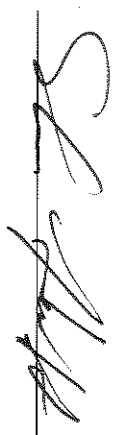
Reminder - Budget Hearings are next month.

Greulich made a motion to adjourn. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.


President

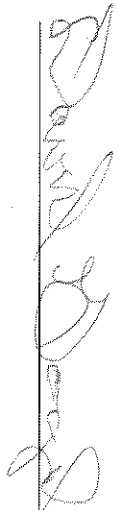

Brian E. Greulich


Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner


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Susan Harris


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