

County Council Meeting
November 21, 2023

Present: Aaron Benton, Steve Haaff, David Gogel, Justin Grose, Brian Greulich, Susan Harris, David Fromme, and Auditor Melissa L. Bunner, and Attorney Andrew Foster.

County Council Meeting

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

Minutes

Fromme made a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriation

	Amount Requested	Approved
Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL – LIT COIT		
Capital Outlay: Courthouse (Chairs)	\$ 66,309	\$ 66,309
Capital Outlay: Jail	\$157,982	\$157,982
<i>Haaff made a motion to approve. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 1000 COUNTY GENERAL - JAIL		
Other Services & Charges: Hospital	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<i>Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 1138 CUM CAP		
Capital Outlay: Jail Repairs/Security Systems	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
Capital Outlay: Circuit Court – Law Books	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<i>Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 1159 HEALTH		
Personal Services: Compensation Board	\$ 280	\$ 280
<i>Haaff made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 8896 – TITLE IV-E		
Personal Services: FICA	\$ 281	\$ 281
<i>Gogel made a motion to approve. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 8950 ARPA		
Capital Outlay: HVAC – Jail Repairs	\$ 25,995	\$ 25,995
<i>Grose made a motion to approve. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Fund Name: 8952 45558 COMMUNITY GOOD GRANT		
Supplies: Participant Treatment Program	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Other Services & Charges: Chemical Testing	\$10,000	\$10,000
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<i>Greulich made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

Transfers

SPENCER COUNTY SURVEYOR - 0006	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 1000-22200		
Supplies: Gas / Fuel / Oil / Lubc	\$250	\$250
Decrease Account: 1000-36110		
Other Services & Charges: Maintenance Contract	\$250	\$250
Increase Account: 1000-21100		
Supplies: Office Supplies	\$91.18	\$91.18
Decrease Account: 1000-33100		
Other Services & Charges: Publications	\$91.18	\$91.18
<i>Fromme made a motion to approve. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.</i>		

SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT

	Amount	Approved
Increase Account: 2000-45100		
Capital Outlay: Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000
Decrease Account: 2500-51000		
Other Expenditures: Label Printer	\$1,000	\$1,000

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

Surveyor / Jeff Meredith

Meredith is requesting an additional for \$4,300. At the Drainage Board Meeting dated November 7, 2023 there was a bid opening for Phase II of the Muddy Creek project. This is located at 600 N west of 750 W. There is currently \$41,484.39 in the Muddy Creek fund. The bid was awarded to Redline Landworks for \$45,763.75. **Gogel motioned to approve to advertise out of Rainy Day. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Spencer County Emergency Ambulance / Jane Stout

On November 21, 2023, the Spencer County Key Club had a Safety Day. She commended the youth and their participation and hope for future involvement.

The Baby Safe Haven have met all goals. This is fully funded by the community for the community.

Stout provided an update on the new ambulance funded by ARPA. The cost will be \$306,055 and they were appropriated \$323,000.

Stout presented information regarding the Naloxone Kit Grant Opportunity now open to Rural First Responders from the Indiana Department of Health. This grant is for intranasal naloxone. The services requested will be implemented from October 2023 through September 2024. **Haaff motioned to approve pursuing this grant. Gogel seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Stout presented another grant. She has opted to start a program through the Prosecutor's Office of having a Car Safety Seat Technician class on January 22, January 29, and February 5, 2024. The Indiana Criminal Justice System will be awarding Spencer County twenty (20) car seats. There will be no cost to the county.

Stout announced that the new ambulance will be dedicated to someone next year. It will have a custom paint job and the person's name will be on it.

Coroner / Layla Thayer

Thayer came to request approval to pursue a grant request for Detera Drug Deactivation pouches. Basically, you fill a Detera pouch with up to 450 pills (depending on size), fill it with water, and the activated carbon inside neutralizes and disintegrates the pills making it safe to discard in the trash. This would be for home case investigations only. **Gogel motioned to approve pursuing the grant. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Fulda Regional Sewer District / Kathy Seckinger

Fulda Regional Sewer District has been audited by State Board of Accounts and has received an invoice for \$14,160. Seckinger is requesting help from the county to pay this invoice. **Gogel motioned to advertise out of Rainy Day. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Gogel was very adamant that Fulda Sewer consider raising their costs/fees to help pay for their own expenses.

Health Department / Mindy Spinks & Bill Young

Spinks presented job descriptions and hourly rates for review and approval. They are submitting the contractual part time job descriptions from the Health First Indiana funding. They are for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (\$20.00 / hr), Administrative Support (\$20.98 / hr), Community Health Worker (\$24.00 / hr), and School Liaison (\$24.00 / hr). **Fromme motioned to add these rates to the salary ordinance. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Highway Department

The Highway Department is requesting an additional for \$814,592. This is for Bridge 152. The bid was awarded for \$966,476 and the fund currently has \$151,844 in contractual services. **Haaff motioned to advertise out of Cum Bridge. Grose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Visitor's Bureau / Melissa Arnold

Arnold came to present the budget. This budget is divided into five (5) parts: General Marketing, Digital Advertising, Promotional, Outreach, and Internet / Website. Projected income for 2024 is \$537,460. Projected expenses are \$636,809.00. Projected EOY 2024 available \$578,902.10. She also showed destination video. **Fromme motioned to approve the budget. Greulich seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

LATCF

At the Commissioners meeting on November 7, 2023, Finch Newton Water, Inc. was approved for \$50,000 of the LATCF funding to help relocate a water line that broke under North Fork Railroad tracks on County Road 800 N that feeds the highway garage, animal shelter, EMA, recycle plus five (5) other taps. **Greulich motioned to approve this funding. Haaff seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Salary Ordinance

This was provided for review. The Health Department salaries discussed will be added and will be brought back to the next meeting.

Legal Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

EMA / Stephanie Melton

Melton presented information regarding the Mitigation Plan Grant. The state has included us in the next round of the Mitigation Planning process. This is a grant that requires a 25% match, that is in-kind. All the participants time and mileage are considered good enough to make the match. They do not have an exact number, but each county runs between \$18,000 to \$20,000. This plan sets goals for the county to mitigate hazards due to natural disasters and must be updated every five (5) years. If it is not done, the county or any town in it, is not eligible to apply for mitigation grant funding and may not be eligible for any reimbursement in the event of a disaster. The process takes over a year to complete. Our current plan is good until February 2026. Melton is asking for approval to move forward with the letter of intent. **Fromme motioned to approve the letter of intent. Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Melton provided an update on the radio tower. The flash beacon, an antenna, and some other parts need to be replaced. This tower is 300' and will require a tower climb to be considered in the overall cost of these repairs. She is working on quotes.

Melton also provided an update on the handheld radios. The Sheriff's Department gave her thirty-two (32) radios. They have been cleaned up and there are some things that need to be replaced. For example, chargers, antennas, belt clips. The total is \$4,827.00. This will be taken care of in January.

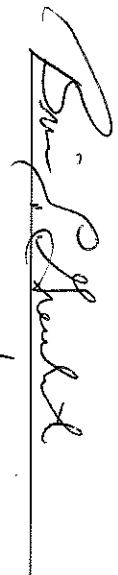
Circuit Court / Michaela Claise

Claise presented the 2024 Family Recovery Court Grant. The grant period is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and the award amount is \$72,942. She also presented the Justice Partners Additions Response Grant 2024. The Auditor's office will set these funds up.

Cindy Bettag from the Maria Hilf Foundation (MHF) came to present information regarding READI 2.0. On December 28, 2021, MHF finalized a purchase of 3.62 acres of land containing a fenced baseball field, bleachers, tennis courts, and playground equipment in need of upgrades. They are going to apply for the READI 2.0 state grant. Part of the grant involves Private Funds (60%), Local Government (20%), and READI 2.0 (20%). The grant request breakdown would be \$150,000 MHF, \$50,000 READI, and \$50,000 Spencer County. These funds would be used to revamp Pines Park.

Greulich made a motion to adjourn. Fromme seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

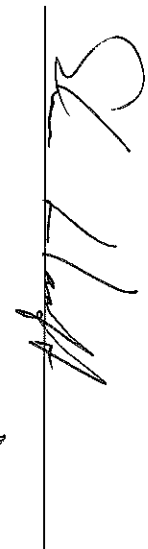

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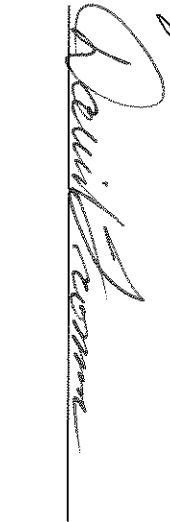

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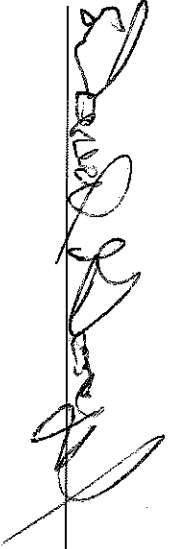

Attest: Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner


Susan Hauer




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David Shively