

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 11TH, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Kelly Carlson, Bill Glover and Jim McKee. Jim Hershberger and Dale Clawson were both absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 4-0

*Tom Booe was not at that meeting.

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for March 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 5-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for February 2022. Vote: 5-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Ambulance and Health Dept. (Feb 22), Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff’s Dept (Mar 22). Vote: 5-0

WHIN – Johnny Parks & Pat Corey

They came to the meeting to give the Council an update on all that WHIN has been doing in our County and surrounding Counties. They have been working a lot with the schools, especially, Fountain Central. The school in collaboration with WHIN has been working to make sure that all students have the capability to access internet wherever they are, including hot spots on school busses. The next project is to add a weather station at Fountain Central for the kids to learn and study how weather effects agriculture for all grade levels. They also just received a STEM Grant at Fountain Central.

TRANSFER REQUEST

From: 1000-0172-10600	Part time	
To: 1000-0172-34310	Snow Removal	\$40.00

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the transfer in the amount of \$40.00. Vote: 5-0

SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-16 (Amended 04/11/22) – Ordinance needs signed based on the motion and second of the March 14 Council meeting in regards to the Chief Probation Officer pay.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to amend the salary ordinance to reflect the \$5,000 state mandated pay increase for the Chief Probation Officer. Vote: 5-0

ATTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY – Appointment

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Tom Booe to re-appoint Tom Norush to the Attica Public Library Board beginning June 1, 2022 and ending on June 1, 2026. Vote: 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**Ambulance- Garth Kagels**

He gave a comparison on the runs over the last couple of years.

2020: 2,770 covering 59% of their budget. 2021: 2,958 covering 69.3% of their budget. There has been an increase in price of medical supplies over the last couple of years.

They are in the process of finding quotes for a new ambulance and still waiting to hear whether or not they can use ARPA funds to cover the cost. They will be having an expense to cover equipment repair. The diesel truck needs a filter replaced. It is around \$6,000. It is supposed to be changed every 120,000 miles. They have a 2nd truck that is at 200,000 miles and he thinks they are going to have to change its filter as well.

Highway – Jason Lewis

The single axle trucks, that Rusty wanted to purchase, were already sold. They looked at 2 others and they were not mechanically sound. They found a 2022 Peterbilt truck in the amount of \$134,000 and would like to purchase the one truck instead of 2. They have put money into another truck and he believes they will be able to get another couple of years out of it.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to allow Jason Lewis to purchase on behalf of the County the 2022 Peterbilt truck. **Vote: 5-0**

They also need new computers. The current ones are around 10 years old and are not working efficiently. The internet is also having a hard time connecting from the main building. They need a repeater and booster as well.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the purchase of computers, monitors, repeater and booster for the County Highway department. **Vote: 5-0**

Sheriff – Terry Holt

They currently have 70 in jail of which 35 are out of county. Andrew Krout is pursuing the USDA grant to purchase vehicles.

Commissioner Update – Andrew Hall

He praised the Ambulance department for a job well done. At the last commissioner meeting, a resident complimented the EMS for going above and beyond.

Also, told the Council what a great job Jason Lewis is doing with the County Highway Department so far and that residents have called to compliment him and the department.

Rusty Peevler has had some medical issues and asked for thoughts and prayers for him.

The subject of striping the roads, especially, Stringtown Road, Portland Arch, and Stone Bluff has been an ongoing discussion. Jason Lewis has been asked to get updated quotes to have that done soon.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 9, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5-0

Careen Chambers
ATTEST

Dudley Cues

Tom W. Doo

Bill Glover

Kelly Carlson
