

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
November 14, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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

HEARING REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

Hearing Opened at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

There were many questions in regards to approving the economic revitalization area and on the tax abatement, if granted. Questions were answered by members of the Council, Rick Hall of Barnes & Thornburg, Greg Balsaro of Baker Tilley, and Colin Snow of Ranger Power, Commissioner Tim Shumaker and Assessor, Sandra Whitaker. Many questions were concerns about the property taxes, if they would increase or decrease; how it would affect different units in that district. They were reassured that it would continue as it is presently as the real estate cannot be abated. If a tax abatement would be given, it would reduce the tax rate and increase the assessed valuation for the county. The County could receive between 7-8 million dollars in economic development payments. Some council members voiced their concerns about the abatement. Other members of the audience and some Council voiced concerns about the loss of farmland.

Hearing Closed at 10:07 a.m.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Bill Glover to rescind Resolution 2022-36 as an Economic Revitalization Area. The area is located in Troy & Van Buren Townships and is generally within the area bounded on the north by Salem Church Road and West Osborn Prairie Road, on the east by North Corporation Line Road, on the south by I-74 and on the west by North 530 West.

Vote: 4-2

(Voting against – Dudley Cruea and Jim Hershberger)

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting as presented.

Vote: 6-0

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2022 regular meeting and the Executive Session.

Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for October, 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 6-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2022

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to acknowledge the Clerk's Report for September, 2022

Vote: 6-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson

to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Clerk, Recorder & Sheriff for October. Vote: 6-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

LIT-Public Safety

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|-------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| From: | 1170-0005-10802 | Deputy 7 | \$1,006.80 |
| | 1170-0005-10901 | Deputy 8 | \$3,666.80 |
| To: | 1000-0380-14000 | Overtime | \$4,673.60 |

They are in the red and need to transfer money to help get through the remaining 2022 budgeted year.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the transfer in the amount of \$4,673.60.

Vote 6-0

Co General – Clerk

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| From: | 1000-0001-33800 | Training & Education | |
| To: | 1000-0001-33300 | Travel | \$51.16 |

Co General – Election Board

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|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| From: | 1000-0062-33130 | Travel/Mileage | |
| To: | 1000-0062-33810 | Seminars/Conference | \$125 |

Co General – Auditor

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|-------|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| From: | 1000-0002-33000 | Postage | |
| To: | 1000-0002-33300 | Travel/Mileage | \$1000 |

Co General – Commissioners

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| From: | 1000-0068-44101 | Equipment | |
| To: | 1000-0068-33490 | Liability Insurance | \$1,000 |

Co General – Ambulance

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| From: | 1000-0301-33600 | Repair & Maintenance | |
| To: | 1000-0301-33550 | Utilities | \$1,300 |

Co General - Jail

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| From: | 1000-0380-22020 | Towels, Linens & Clothing | |
| To: | 1000-0380-22081 | Kitchen | \$493.23 |

CEDIT – Co Commissioners

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| From: | 1112-0068-33922 | Econ Dev Travel Mileage | \$1,758.10 |
| | 1112-0068-33890 | Donations | \$2,241.90 |
| To: | 1112-0068-33920 | Econ Development Dues | \$4,000 |

Cumulative Reassessment

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| From: | 1224-0000-33080 | Website | |
| To: | 1224-0000-33300 | Travel | \$4,000 |

Infraction Deferral

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| From: | 2400-0000-33380 | Project Pullover | |
| To: | 2400-0000-33740 | Prosecution Equipment | \$50.00 |

MVH

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| From: | 1176-0530-33500 | Telephone | |
| To: | 1176-0530-33550 | Utilities | \$4,000 |

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the transfers. Vote 6-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 10:19 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing Closed at 10:20 a.m.

Resolution 2022-39

County General – Circuit Court

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| 1000-0232-33301 | Psychiatric Medical | \$2,000 |
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A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the amount of \$2,000. Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2022-40

ARPA Fund

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| 8950-0000-44935 | Town of Kingman | \$450,000 |
| 8950-0000-44940 | Econ Development Business Incubator | \$500,000 |

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the amount of \$950,000 to be paid by the claim process. Vote: 6-0

WCRC 2022-2023 SALARY ORDINANCE 2202-9

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the Salary Ordinance 2022-9 for the year 2022-2023 for West Central Regional Community Corrections. Vote: 6-0

AUDITOR – REQUEST TO TRANSFER

Auditor is requesting permission to make transfers from now until the end of the year to avoid accounts from being in the negative on December 31, 2022. It will allow the Auditor to better monitor the accounts

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the Auditor’s request to make transfers until the end of the year as needed. Vote: 6-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels and Keri Townsend

Keri stated that a company NSure will get information from people or hospitals that she is unable to get for \$599.00 per month. NSure thinks they can get an extra \$30,000 per year for the county. They can try it out for 60 days and then report back to Council. They do require a 1-year contract if extended beyond the 60 days.

Also, the 2 new ambulances have been ordered, which will take roughly 12-14 months to be delivered. Pricing on a Remount on the current ambulance is \$245,385.00, if ordered now. He will be going to the Commissioners at their next meeting for approval also. This does not need to go through the bid process as it is on the State bid list.

Coroner - Josh Whittington

The On Call account is in the red. He will need to transfer. Council agreed if more money is needed for autopsy or on-call, it could be taken from the Council budget.

Sheriff – ANDREW KROUT

There are currently 74 inmates, 30 of which are out of county. They have ordered 3 new sheriff vehicles but would like to have a 4th one. The Council approved and asked that it be paid out of the CCD fund. An ambulance was budgeted in this fund but will not be used as the ambulance will not be delivered until late 2023 for early 2024.

Highway – Jason Lewis

They started the process for the Federal Funding for Bridge #66 on State Street. It will cost roughly 1.2 million, \$539,000 will be our portion in 2027. The bridge in Stone Bluff will be a full replacement and will be done 2024. Jason would like to pay off 2 leases with the MVH Restricted, if possible. All current projects, that are being paid by CCMG funds, the new blacktop is being striped.

READI GRANT – Council will review the handouts and re-visit it at the December meeting.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE December 12, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-0

Cousser Chambers
ATTEST

Dodley Green
Tom Booe
Bill Slower
Kelly L. Carlson
James Stokes
James Hatcher