

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
September 11, 2023
8:00 a.m.

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Crucea, Kelly Carlson, Tom Booe, Dale White, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee and Jeff Fishero.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of August. Vote: 7-0

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

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Denise Crowder to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for August 2023 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Board Appointment - Economic Development (WEGA)

A motion was made by Dale White to appoint Kelly Carlson to the WEGA board. The motion was seconded by Denise Crowder. Vote: 7-0

Excise & Wheel Tax Ordinance

BMV has advised us that we need to put an amount on the ordinance for military vehicles. They suggested at least a minimum of \$7.50. Military Vehicles is defined as a former military vehicle now owned by a an individual. This would require an amended Ordinance. It would not go into effect until January 1, 2025. The council decided to charge \$30 for military vehicles. Taylor Powell, Council Attorney, will prepare the Ordinance.

TRANSFER

County General - Commissioners

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| From: | 1000-0068-33490 | Liability Insurance | |
| To: | 1000-0068-33951 | Mental Health | \$3,015 |

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the transfer in the amount of \$3,015. Vote: 7-0

County General - Jail

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| From: | 1000-0380-22090 | Laundry | |
| To: | 1000-0380-22550 | Inmate Personal Hygiene | \$2,000 |

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer in the amount of \$2,000. Vote: 7-0

State-wide E-911

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| From: | 1222-0000-10206 | Operator | |
| To: | 1222-0000-14000 | Overtime | \$8,053.64 |

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer in the amount of \$8,053.64. Vote: 7-0

MVH – Restricted

From: 1173-0000-22420 Bituminous
To: 1173-0000-44900 Bridge Repairs \$95,000.00

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer in the amount of \$95,000. Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Public Hearing opened at 8:07 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing closed at 8:08 a.m.

Resolution 2023-32

County General - Jail

Prisoner Meals 1000-0380-22080 \$65,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale White to approve the additional request in the amount of \$65,000. Vote: 7-0

READI GRANT – Grant Britzke

Mr. Britzke gave an overview of the Child Care portion of the READI grant. It is a multi-county project to build child care in the area. There is money for 430 spots divided among the participating counties to provide licensed, quality and educational day care. The money for the County match stays in Fountain County. The start up costs for new childcare is approximately \$1,000 per child. They have received one application for Fountain County. Dawn Gritten of Community Action Program was in attendance to gather information for her agency. She is in charge of the child care program with Community Action and they will be applying. Veedersburg and Attica are working on a child care program. Kim Kalweit of WEGA will be meeting with the area schools.

Zoning – Roger Azar

Roger handed out a map of Fountain County with the proposed changes to the Zoning map defining residential, business, industrial, agricultural, exempt property and utilities. Jim McKee will be going to the Attica and Veedersburg city council meetings to have them determine the 2-mile radius on their zoning ordinances. Roger was seeking approval from the Council before moving forward in which the Council did give their approval. The next step would be a public hearing and then onto the Commissioners for approval.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He received a quote for the Big ASS (Name of Company) Fans in the amount of \$19,013.63. A representative from the company is to be at the Med Shed today (9/11) to make sure they will do the job. He will also ask them about the wiring for the fans. Garth requested that the council wait on making a decision until he has talked with the company.

E 911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana handed out a quote from Caliber on a new CAD system. She has been negotiating with Caliber and this is the 3rd quote in the amount of \$196,169. It has been reduced by \$90,000. They will come train the employees. They will also be on site one time a month. They will also need new hardware for the new software in the approximate amount of \$30,000. This amount has been included in the grant application.

Budget Hearing

The Council met with the following department heads/elected officials to review their 2024 budgets: County Highway, Ambulance, E-911, Circuit Court, Sheriff and Health Department. Review and discussion was heard on the remaining budgets. It was determined to have a special meeting on September 25th at 5:30 p.m. for further discussion.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE
Monday, September 25th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.**

**BUDGET ADOPTION
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
at 9:00 AM.**

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to close the meeting. Vote: 7-0

Conner Chambers
ATTEST

Dwight Cuen
Law W. Goo
Dale A. White
Kelly L Carlson
Denise Crowder
James Bricker
Jeff L. Serra