

**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**September 25, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting as presented.

Vote: 7-0

**Report of Collections – as submitted**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Health Department for the month of August.

Vote: 7-0

**TRANSFERS**

**County General – Purdue Extension**

From:	1000-0028-33000	Postage Account	
To:	1000-0028-33900	Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$500.

Vote: 7-0

**SALARY ORDINANCE – Amendment**

The Sheriff has hired a new Deputy (10). He would like to pay him from the Jail Commander line item (1000-0380-10506) as he has continued to pay the current jail commander from his previous line item (1170-0000-10700). The new deputy will receive \$2,115.30 bi-weekly.

A line item (1176-0533-14000) Overtime was inadvertently left off the salary ordinance. It was approved at budget time in the amount of \$10,412.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the request and amend the salary ordinance as stated above.

Vote: 7-0

**CARRYOVER – Health Dept**

**Approved by the State on September 21, 2023**

\$1,500 Travel & Mileage - mileage  
\$2,000 Training & Education – conference fees etc.  
\$3,000 Repair & Maintenance – IT & vaccine refrigeration maintenance

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the Carryover request.

Vote: 7-0

**WEGA BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Kelly Carlson was appointed to the WEGA Board at the last Council meeting. However, it was determined that the southern end of the county needed more representation. A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Jim McKee to appoint Jeff Fishero to the WEGA Board to replace Kelly Carlson.

Vote: 7-0

**WHIN**

Last year the Council committed \$20,000 per year for 3 years to WHIN. After discussion, as to the payment, it was decided to put it into the budget for 2024.

**HEALTH DEPT**

There is a shortfall in the budget in the PHEP grant due to having to split the grant with Warren County. An additional would be needed to finish out the year. The Council discussed the possibilities to pay it from one of the other Health Dept funds. A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to do a carryover request from the Local Health Dept Trust Fund in the amount of \$14,610.60.

**Budget 2024**

The Council went through each budget presented line by line. Reductions and additions were made. The Council requested information from the Auditor's office on the amount it would cost if a raise was to be given on the amount requested and also on a possible 2%, 3%, 4% or 5% increase. They will meet again on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
OCTOBER 3, 2023  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to close the meeting.

Vote: 7-0

Cecilia Chambers  
ATTEST

Dudley Cramer  
Tom Booe  
Dale A. White  
Kelly L. Carlson  
Denise Crowder  
Jeff Linder