

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 16, 2018
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruca, Tom Booe, Joe Whittington, Jim McKee, Jim Hershberger, Dale Clawson and Bill Glover.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**The Council reviewed the Following:
Monthly Financial Comparison Report
Treasurer's Monthly Report**

**Report of Collections - as submitted:
Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, Sheriff**

TRANSFERS

County General - Clerk

The Clerk requested a transfer for the following due to rates increasing from \$88 to \$90 for the P O Box Rental.

\$2.00	From	1000-0001-33900	Dues & Subscriptions
	To	1000-0001-33750	P O Box Rental

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the \$2.00 transfer request. Vote: 7-0

Tax Billing Software - quotes

The Auditor presented to the Council the quotes and answered any questions that they had regarding tax billing systems.

LOW – Tax Billing System quote \$229,320 total Project

A verbal acknowledgment will need to be done this month for LOW to proceed and be live for 2018 payable 2019 at the first of 2019. An additional \$55,000 can be subtracted from the total project according to Shawn Low. They agreed and gave a verbal acknowledgement to proceed with a new tax billing software system with LOW.

XSOFT - Tax Billing System quote \$190,000 (rough estimate) and \$29,000 Maintenance-yearly. They are still developing the software and unsure when it will be done.

Don Hesler – re: Highway Dept. raise & stipend incentive

The Highway Dept. has recently lost 2 employees due to getting jobs elsewhere because they are bringing home less now than 5 years ago. This is partly due to rising costs of Health Insurance premiums.

The County Highway department has done a good job on paving some roads in the county. By the County Highway department doing the paving themselves, they have saved the county \$197,000. The commissioners are looking for a way to pay the Highway Department employees for a job well done. They are talking about giving them an incentive stipend pay of \$1,000-\$1,500 and also receive their 2-3% raise.

A couple of the council members agree that they deserve to be compensated, but also are concerned about how the other offices will react. Other offices do above and beyond as well and are not compensated. Another option would be to give the employees that have HSA more money each year to put into their account. More discussion on what to do will be discussed at the budget hearings.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 20, 2018
AT 8:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7-0

Attest

Council Meeting dates for 2019 Budget Process.

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| JULY 30 – AUGUST 1 | BUDGET WORKSHOPS W/DLGF |
| JULY 16, 2018 | Auditor will hand out budgets for review |
| AUGUST 10, 2018 | Publication of Budget on GATEWAY - deadline |
| AUGUST 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Budget Hearings – Officeholders present |
| OCTOBER 15, 2018 | Adoption of 2018 Budget |
| Ratify Budget for County Units
(Council Review of Budgets) | |