

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
December 13, 2021
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, Dale Clawson and Jim Hershberger.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 and the special joint session on November 23, 2021 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for November, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, and Sheriff Report of Collections for October 2021; the Clerk’s monthly report for October; and the Clerks and Sheriff Report of Collections for November 2021.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Report of Collections and the Clerk’s monthly reports as submitted. Vote: 7-0

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint Anastasia Schanlaub to the Kingman-Millcreek Library Board for a term of four years. Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 9:02 a.m.
Public Comment: Carol Owens had concerns about \$150,000 to tear down the old Jail. The Council agreed that it should be tabled.
Public Hearing Closed at 9:04 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2021-45

County General – Coroner
1000-0007-33460 Autopsy Expense \$10,050

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the amount of \$10,050. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021 - 46

County General - Ambulance
1000-0007-16000 Vacation & Sick \$20,000

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional request in the amount of \$20,000. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-47

CEDIT – Commissioners
1170-0005-33860 Juvenile Housing \$10,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the amount of \$10,000. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-48

Co General – Commissioners

1000-0068-44901 Capital Outlay \$150,000

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Tom Booe to TABLE the additional request in the amount of \$150,000 for the demolition of the old jail. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-50

CEDIT – Co Commissioners

1112-0068-33920 Econ Development Dues \$20,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to TABLE the additional request in the amount of \$20,000. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-51

Co General – Commissioners

1000-0068-10150 Retirement \$12,500

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional request in the amount of \$12,500. Vote: 7-0

Resolutuion 2021-52

Co General – Commissioners

1000-0068-12000 Health Insurance \$100,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$100,000 for group health insurance. Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2021-53

Co General - Commissioners

1000-0068-44901 Capital Outlay \$425,000

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional in the amount of \$425,000 for the purchase of the Maple Corner Building contingent on the Environmental Study Final Review. Dale Clawson voted against the purchase Vote: 6-1

AMENDMENT OF SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-16

The ambulance service will be retaining the "Fixed Salary on Fluctuating hours" system. The salaries and rate of pay were changed to stay competitive. He kept the budgeted amount the same but will be moving money around in a few line items. The budget should sustain him most of the year. It is always hard to predict sick, vacation and personal leave.

	Salary	Bi-Wkly	Hourly
Asst Director	\$62,000	\$2,384.615	
Overtime	\$115,000		
EMT Adv/Int (1)	\$50,000	\$1,923.077	\$24.038
EMT B \$40,000 (9)	\$360,000	\$1,538.462	\$19.231
Paramedic (8)	\$480,000	\$2,307.692	\$28.846
PT Paramedic			\$19.00
PT Adv EMT			\$17.00

PT EMT Basic

\$15.00

Budget	Prev	w/Changes
Asst Director	\$56,650	\$62,000
Overtime	\$130,000	\$115,000
EMT Adv/Int	\$37,519	\$50,000
EMT B	\$237,156	\$360,000
Paramedic	\$516,557	\$480,000
Vac & Sick	\$105,000	\$81,402
Back Up Pay	\$65,520	\$0.00
Total	\$1,148,402	\$1,148,456

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the changes and amend the salary Ordinance.

Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Rusty Peevler - Highway Dept/Modular Proposal

A mobile Unit is needed to house the offices for the Highway Department. There is no exhaust to the offices and there is continuous black and brown soot that covers the equipment. It is unhealthy for the employees. The Highway secretary is only able to breathe it in for a couple hours before it really affecting her health. It forces her to work from home for the 2nd part of the day. It is a lot of unnecessary back and forth. It is inconvenient for everyone. A quote was turned in for the cost of the portable building. Tom Booe and Jim Hershberger will be going over to the Highway Department to check out the situation.

The Council would like for him to get cost quotes for striping of the roads. There are a few roads that get extra dangerous at night. A new seal has been put down called frog seal. It is smoother than regular chip and seal, but it is also hard to see at night on those roads. Striping would help with that.

Joe Whitaker – EMA

He inquired about the status of STAT FLIGHT.

The proposal for STAT FLIGHT expires December 31, 2021.

The council had discussion about it and the positive effects it would have on the County.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to recommend the Commissioners approve and sign the agreement with STAT FLIGHT in the amount of \$48,818.00.

Vote: 7-0

Josh Whittington – Coroner

The Tippecanoe County Coroner is now charging other Counties for autopsies done in their counties on our residents for ANY "incidents" that happen in their county that require an autopsy. He was not given any notice about the charges and was given a big bill. It is within the State IC Code, but it has never been done until now. He wanted to forewarn the Council for future bills that may come.

The Commissioners have voted in favor of getting a Transport Van for the Coroner. The council has not been given any information on the funding of the van. They would like for that to be discussed at the January 4th Commissioner Meeting.

Garth Kagels – EMS

They are still waiting for HVAC parts for one of the trucks.

He has found a Dodge Truck in Wisconsin with a Horton Box on it. It could be remounted. The green army truck would have to be gone before getting another truck. No bids have been turned in for the green army ambulance.

They had an audit on grant money they received during Covid. They got the results back and are in compliance.

Paula Copenhaver – Clerk

Redistricting has happened in Fountain County. There is now Congressional District 8 and Congressional District 4. The districts have to have less than a 10% deviation. Fountain County was over 11%. There are now 20 precincts instead of 18.

The new voting machines are in and ready. They are also available to view and practice vote in the Clerk’s office.

The Fire Eye Cyber Security Contract has one more year covered with the State, then it will be up to the County to take care of.

Terry Holt – Sheriff

Their bullet proof vests are getting ready to expire. He would like to use the Commissary funds to pay for 13 new ones.

The Council is in agreeance of using the commissary funds.

Longevity

Fountain County is the only county in the area that does not offer longevity. There needs to be some incentive for the employees that have stayed for years. More discussion will be had in January after Dudley Cruea has made a proposal to the Council.

The Council and Commissioners would not benefit because they are not full-time employees. The Judge, Prosecutor and Probation Head would also be excluded. Within the proposal, Dudley is proposing that the longevity be paid out on the employee’s anniversary date.

Andrew Krout – Body Cameras

He asked the council if it would be possible to approve the agreement for the Body Cameras. The Commissioners had already approved it contingent on the Council and ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the funding of the Body Cameras for the Sheriff Department using ARPA Funds. Vote: 7-0

Tom Booe asked who would all be utilizing the New Emergency Services Building. So far, they would like to put 911, coroner and EMA. Possibly the Health Department, Commissioner and Council meeting room and storage.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 10, 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

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Dudley Cruea
Tom W. Booe
Bill Glover
Jim Hershberger
Dale Clawson
Kelly L. Carlson