

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as presented. 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 Bill Glover to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for Dec. 31, 2020 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 6-0

Sheriff Report and Commissary Report

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Sheriff Report and Commissary Report for 2020.

Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder and Sheriff for December 2020
The Council acknowledged that they received their reports.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

Requested to purchase new skid steer with tracks in the amount of \$55,216.00. Glascock is giving a trade in allowance of \$18,000 for the old one. It will be shared with the Recycling Center.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded Dale Clawson to approve the purchase to be paid from funds from the Landfill Repair & Maintenance fund in the amount of \$55,216.00.

Vote: 6-0

AUDITOR – Tradecraft estimate

The Auditor has received an estimate to repair the ceiling due to a leak in the amount of \$3,755.52. It is set to begin on February 22. It will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to pay for the repair out of County General Maintenance fund.

Vote: 6-0

ASSISTANT PROBATION – Renovation of office

An invoice was also received from Tradecraft for the Assistant Probation Office in the amount of \$6,490.88. A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to pay for the renovation out of the CEDIT fund.

Vote: 6-0

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Rusty Peevler – Co Highway

The DLGF has cut funds from the Highway Department for the last 3 years. They say it is because Fountain County has a high reserve.

He would like to start a Grader School program and it be a 4-year process to fix the roads starting in Davis, Richland, Jackson and Logan. It would be 100 days each year.

14 men, 4/ 12-hour days.

He showed the council an example of how much gravel is being wasted on the side of the road and into the ditches. In a 1 square foot, there's about 5pounds of gravel. They learned this during a free grader school put on by Purdue this past fall. In order to have this happen, the Council will need to be on board. It will be costly at first to get the roads back in shape, but save the County money in long run. The projected start date is May 15th. There are 441 miles of gravel road in the County. The Commissioners and employees of the County Highway are on board. The Council wants some time to go over the numbers and discuss it further.

Joe Whitaker – EMA

The 5 message boards were delivered. They will be paid for with Cares Act Relief funds. The grant that used to reimburse Joe's Salary by 50% will no longer be doing that. It will be \$18,000 which is based on population.

There are grants available to set up vaccination sites, if the County chooses to do so.

Garth Kagels – Ambulance

Every other year, they are budgeting for a replacement Ambulance. This year it has been budgeted in the amount of \$160,000. It is \$162,800 to remount a 2007 Horton Box that they have currently on the 2010 V10 Gas Ambulance. The box is in really good shape and would save around \$70,000 to remount instead of buying a brand-new Ambulance. The total of the remount and extras would be \$188,555.00. The Council agreed that the remaining balance will be paid and an additional appropriation will need to be done.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the remount of the 2007 Horton Box onto a new chassis in the amount of \$188,555.00.

Vote: 6-0

The heating/cooling in the Med Shed is not working properly. The floor heating in the bay is only working at 50%. The main reason for making sure the temperature is regulated in the Med Shed is for the medication to remain at a steady temperature.

This has been tabled on which route to go. More discussion will be had and a decision made soon.

They had 238 runs in January. Total runs for 2020 was 2770 compared to 2019 which was 2543.

VACCINES – Health Dept

There are reimbursement funds available to recoup from vaccine costs. Council agreed for the Health Dept to pursue the grant to reimburse the costs of the vaccines.

Andrew Hall – Joined on Zoom

Ameresco will be at the joint meeting next week. Commissioners are still working on someone to help Rick with the snow removal. They have contacted Smarts Landscaping and they are totally booked for the season. He will have more updates at the next meeting in person.

**A JOINT MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 9AM**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MARCH 8, 2021
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Vote: 6-0

Couces Chambers
ATTEST

Tom Booe

Bill Hove

Kelly Carlson

James Huelbert
