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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
September 12th, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruea, Bill Glover, Kelly Carlson, Dale Clawson, Jim McKee and Jim Hershberger. Tom Booe was on Zoom.

Public Comment -NONE

**BAKER TILLEY – Jason Semler – Tax Abatement
Barnes & Thornburg – Rick Hall
Power Ranger – Colin Snow**

Colin Snow started the presentation talking about his company Ranger Power and how the process works during the Crossroads Solar Project. They have approximately 1800 acres of land under contract. No power has been sold yet, and won't be until a decision can be made about the economic development payment and abatement breakdown. They would like to start construction on the project in 2023.

Jason Semler talked about the benefits of having a tax abatement for the project. He gave projections on a 10-year declining property tax abatement, a 100% tax abatement over a 10-year period and with no tax abatement. With giving the company a 100% tax abatement for 10 years, it gives the county more leverage to ask for a higher economic development payment since they wouldn't be paying any taxes.

The council appointed Jim McKee as the representative from the Council to sit in on discussion involving this matter. The meeting will be in November or December.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2022 meeting and Special Joint Meeting of the Commissioners and Council on September 6, 2022 as presented. Vote: 7-0

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

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for August, 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Ambulance (June & July), Clerk, Health, Recorder (Jul) and Sheriff (Aug). Vote: 7-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2022.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for July, 2022. Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 9:47 a.m.

Public Comment: A question was asked on how it was determined how much money that the project in Attica at the formally known building of Doug's

Studio. They are planning to have an incubator and marketplace to help teach people how to build their new small business and promote it. It was decided by the Commissioners and Council to give \$500,000 to the project with 2 stipulations: more people on the board from across the county and if the project fails, the county will receive half of their money back from the proceeds of the building.

Public Hearing Closed at 9:54 a.m.

**Resolution 2022-28
County General – Jail**

1000-0380-22808 Prisoner Meals \$75,000
The additional is needed for the constant increase in food prices and has caused a shortage.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional request in the amount of \$75,000. Vote: 7-0

**Resolution 2022-29
County General – Commissioners**

1000-00068-44901 Capital Outlay \$333,251
The additional is needed for our 25% match for the Community Crossing Grant 2202-1.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$333,251. Vote 7-0

**Resolution 2022-30
MVH – General & Undistributed**

1176-0533-33601 Other Repairs & Maint \$98,000
The additional is needed to cover the cost of the warranty agreement to cover the equipment.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional in the amount of \$98,000. Vote: 7-0

TRANSER REQUEST

LIT – Public Safety

From: 1170-0005-10000 Social Security
To: 1170-0005-10100 Elected Official \$1,250.00
Transfer is being requested due to the mid-year change in the Sheriff's Salary.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,250.00 as requested. Vote: 7-0

CUM REASSESSMENT

From: 1224-0000-33080 Website
To: 1224-0000-33133 Pictometry \$2,515.84
Transfer is being requested to pay the deposit for the flight over the county.

From: 1224-0000-33080 Web Site
To: 1224-0000-33300 Travel \$4,000
This request is due to the required classes for Assessor and Deputies.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request in the amount of \$6,515.84. Vote: 7-0

Co General - Treasurer

From:	1000-0003-44101	Equipment	
To:	1000-0003-33130	Contractual Svcs	\$1,460

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer request. Vote: 7-0

County General – Purdue Extension

From:	1000-0028-33000	Postage	
To:	1000-0028-33900	Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,600

This transfer is to cover the cost of our educator's state due, IYI Kids count conference dues, PCARET and other miscellaneous dues that will come up the remaining of the year.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the request in the amount of \$1,600. Vote: 7-0

County General – Custodian

From:	1000-0172-22060	Janitorial Supplies	
To:	1000-0172-33690	Elevator/Chair Lift	\$2,250

Transfer being requested to cover an invoice from Kone on the repair of the Wheel Chair Lift.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the request in the amount of \$2,250. Vote: 7-0

County General – Jail

From:	1000-0380-22020	Towel, Linen, Etc	
To:	1000-0380-22550	Inmate Personal Hygiene	\$700

From:	1000-0380-22090	Laundry	
To:	1000-0380-22081	Kitchen	\$1800

Due to increase in prices, they do not have enough to carry them through the 2022 budget.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request in the amount of \$2,500. Vote: 7-0

Co General – Ambulance

From:	1000-0301-14000	Overtime	
To:	1000-0301-16000	Vac & Sick	\$20,000

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

MVH – Restricted

From:	1173-0000-22320	Gravel	
To:	1173-0000-44101	Equipment	\$8,032.00

Transfer being requested to cover the lease payment for the 2 new Graders.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$8,032. Vote: 7-0

Statewide 911 Fund

From: 1222-0000-10600 Part time
To: 1222-0000-10000 Social Security \$5,500
Transfer to cover the shortfall in the social security line item.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request in the amount of \$5,500. Vote: 7-0

AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-16

The Salary Ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the Sheriff's pay effective July 1, 2022 as presented by the Supreme Court of Indiana.

A change is also needed to reflect the pay increase for the Highway Superintendent that was given upon his hire date.

Both changes are indicated in the salary ordinance in red.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to amended the Salary Ordinance 2021-16. Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff – Terry Holt

Currently, there are 66 in jail, 29 of which are out of county. So far this year, they have collected about \$566,000.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

They are going to go with Horton Ambulance on their bid for the new ambulance. The bid was the lowest. The payment and delivery are not expected until 2024. Since the time frame is so long to receive the ambulance, he would like to order another one. There are a couple of ambulances that have over 200,000 miles already.

He is also ready to move forward with putting the new floor down over the recent septic repair. A camera has been used to double check and they have found no issues. He has received a quote from Newton's Cleaning Service to clean after the floor is put in as well.

Lastly, they have a vacant paramedic position that he has been trying to fill. No one has even applied. He is proposing that the county bring back paying for furthering education classes for existing employees as an incentive to stay and fill positions. There is an online school for EMS and classes that take place at the Crawfordsville Fire Department. Classes range from \$6500-\$7500 and are 14 months long.

Dudley suggested that he look into the Learning Center in Williamsport. They are offering classes to over 150 different areas of education and paid for by a grant. Garth will be calling to see if EMS classes are included.

2023 BUDGETS –

The Council went over some changes and moved some items around. One the items that was added was the funds to add a Safety Resource officer to Southeast Fountain School Corporation. The school would pay 75% and the County pay 25%. This would include benefits and social security. The County could use the officer in the summer and on holidays. This will still need to be approved by the commissioners.

