

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
August 14, 2023
9:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting as presented.

Vote: 5-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk, Health Dept, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of July.

Vote: 6-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for July, 2023.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale White to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for July, 2023.

Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for May and June 2023 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 6-0

Ordinance 2023-5 – Ordinance Revising Ordinances 2011-7; 2014-7; 2015-4 and 2017-8 Motor Vehicle County Excise and Wheel Tax.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to pass Ordinance 2023-5 revising the Motor Vehicle County Excise and Wheel Tax.

Vote: 6-0

Economic Development – Rod Bannon

Rod distributed a handout to each Council member as to what he was working on currently for WEGA and explained each one. They are presently trying to put together a county wide board. The Council will need to appoint a member to represent them on the board. The first WEGA Board meeting will be September 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Annex. The Council will make their appointment at their September 11 meeting.

TRANSFERS

CEDIT - Commissioners

From:	1112-0068-33000	Postage	\$500
To:	1112-0068-33400	Printing & Advertising	

Infraction Deferral

From:	2400-0000-33010	Transcripts	\$155.37
To:	2400-0000-33360	Special Prosecutor Equipment	

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Dale White to approve the above transfer.

Vote: 6-0

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 2023-24

County General – Commissioners

1000-0068-33860 Juvenile Housing \$20,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional in the amount of \$20,000. Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2023-25

County General – Commissioners

1000-0068-12000 Group Health \$500,000

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the additional in the amount of \$500,000. Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2023-26

County General – Coroner

1000-0007-33646 Autopsy Out of Co \$10,000

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional in the amount of \$10,000. Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2023-27

County General – Circuit Court

1000-0232-10821 OT Courthouse \$6,000
Safety Officer

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional in the amount of \$6,000. Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2023-28

LIT – Public Safety

1170-0005-10902 SRO/Deputy 9 \$35,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the additional in the amount of \$35,000. Vote: 6-0

REVIEW OF BUDGETS

The Council went over the following proposed budgets for 2024 with the department heads: Commissioners; Purdue Extension; County Drug Free Community; Clerk, Board of Registration & Election Board; Prosecutor, Title IV-D, Pre-Trial Diversion; Infraction Deferral; Treasurer and EMA. The remainder of the departments will be reviewed at the September 11 meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS – Brenda Hardy

Brenda Hardy gave the council a timetable of the activity on the RFPQ proposal for the renovation of the Annex along with one for the Courthouse. The Commissioner's priorities at the present time is the Annex, County Highway Building and the Courthouse. She stated that the Commissioners selected Envoy at their August 7th meeting. There will be a public hearing on September 5.

She invited the Council to an informational only meeting with Michael Conley from Architura on August 22nd. It will be at 10:30 a.m. in the

Commissioner's meeting room. He will be going over their findings of the Courthouse.

Also, Jason Semler will be meeting with the Commissioners after their regular meeting on August 21 at 10:00 a.m. in regards to LIT for EMS and any other financial matters.

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He passed out a quote to the Council for Big Ass Fans to put in the bay area to keep the birds out. The quote was for \$19,013.63. The Council did not take any action on the quote but asked if Garth could find out how long the quote was good. Garth will be traveling to Ohio on the 15th to meet with Horton in regards to the specs on the new ambulances. They are anticipating delivery of the chassis in September/October. They will not be completed until after the first of the year. He still has not received any word on the Chevy chassis on the remount. Discussion was heard on an ambulance to replace the 2019 truck. It currently has 120,000 miles on it. It was suggested that they may want to order one after the first of the year. Delivery would be approximately 15 months out from the date of the order.

E 911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana passed out a quote from Caliber Public Safety on a new CAD system to the Council. The quote came in at \$283,388.00. Our current system is antiquated. Over a weekend the system shut down a total of 45 times. She is working with EMA on a grant application. The grant, if obtained, would pay for 75% of the cost. More discussion will be heard at the September meeting.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
BUDGET HEARINGS
September 11, 2023
AT 8:00 A.M.**

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

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Denise Crowder to close the meeting. Vote: 6-0

Couces Chambers
ATTEST

Ann W. Bose
Dale A. White
Kelly L. Carlson
Denise Crowder
James D. Fisher
Jeff Fishero