

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Vote: 4-0

Appointment - Veedersburg Economic Development Commission

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Joe Whittington to appoint **Tom Booe** to the Veedersburg Economic Development Commission for 2019. Vote: 4-0

Revise the motion for the Encumbrance from 2018 Budget

County General – Circuit Court

1000-0232-22000 Office Supplies	\$1,096.86
1000-0232-22260 Other Supplies	\$2,927.04
1000-0232-33320 Court Expense	\$ 562.69

CCD

1138-0000-44901 Capital Outlay	\$4,390.46
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A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the request and encumber the above County General funds and CCD funds from the 2018 budget to pay for repairs to the Judge's Chambers and pay Tradecraft Specialty Contractor, LLC; Ricketts Electric; L.C. Roemer & Son Furniture & Floor Covering. Vote: 4-0

AUDITOR – Information regarding some employees having over 80 hours of Comp-Time at this time was tabled.

2019 Staffing Study - Terry Holt & Andrew Krout

The Sheriff and Chief Deputy discussed with the council about the need they have for more deputies and more staffing at the new Jail that will be opening its doors at the end of September 2019. The study shows the comparison of Fountain County to the surrounding counties. The county that is most comparable in size to our county is Parke County. They have 5 more deputies than Fountain County and twice as many Jailers. Since the Jail is going to be able to house a lot more inmates, the county is not going to have to pay other counties to house them. This will be a significant savings that could be used for another deputy. Approximately, it is \$74,407 a year for a deputy and \$52,567.62 for a jailer. In order to run the new jail at its capacity, more staffing will be needed. In return, more revenue will come to the county that will help offset the cost. The sheriff will have to go to the Commissioners to get the hiring of a new deputy approved and then approach the council for funding. The council is confident that if the commissioners approve the hiring of a new deputy they will fund it.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 18, 2019
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Joe Whittington to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5-0

ATTEST

Dudley Cruea

James Hershberger

Tom Booe

Joe Whittington

Jim McKee

Dale Clawson

Bill Glover