

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 and the Joint Meeting with the Commissioners on March 1, 2021 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 Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for February, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Prosecutor, Recorder, and Sheriff for February, 2021.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing – Additional Appropriations

The public hearing was opened by President, Dudley Cruca at 9:05 a.m.
Public Comment: None
The hearing was closed at 9:06 a.m.

Resolution 2021-5

CEDIT – Commissioners

1112-0068-44901 Capital Outlay \$400,000

This amount is needed to cover the costs of the lease/purchase of equipment for the County Highway Dept.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the total additional appropriation request. Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2021-6

CCD – -Ambulance

1138-0301-44445 Automobiles \$ 32,000

This amount is needed to cover the additional cost above the amount appropriated for the new ambulance.

1138-0000-44901 Capital Outlay \$178,000

This amount is needed to cover the costs of the lease/purchase of equipment for the County Highway Dept.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the total additional appropriation request in the amount of \$210,000. Vote: 7-0

Cum Bridge Fund

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the Cum Bridge Fund at a rate of .0333. Vote: 7-0

CCD Resolution 2021-7

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the Ordinance at a rate of .10. Vote: 7-0

County Highway Dept – Radios

A quote was received from Ra-Comm to update the Highway Department radios in the amount of \$75,260.70 plus \$3,500 per year for 3 years maintenance/service

agreement for a total amount of \$85,760.00. Commissioners approved the upgrade contingent upon Council approval and from which fund to be paid.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the update of the radios for the Highway Department in the amount of \$85,760.00 to be paid from multiple funds.

(1186 - \$43,525.88; 1191 - \$25,000; 1112 - \$17,234.12)

Vote: 7-0

Ambulance – Performance Mechanical (Scott Williams) – A total of \$1,985.00 was incurred for work done prior to the repair of the heating system in the bay area. The Commissioners approved the payment of the invoices upon advisement of Council as to which fund to be paid from.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to pay the invoices in the amount of \$1,985.00 to Performance Mechanical from the Cumulative Capital Development fund.

Vote: 7-0

The Commissioners also approved the purchase of 5 thermometers in the amount of \$1,375.00. Garth would like to use the Cares Act monies upon approval of the Council.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the purchase of the thermometers in the amount of \$1,375.00 to be paid from the Cares Act (1000-0068-22023).

Vote: 7-0

Auditor – Request to Transfer - \$4,000

1000-0002-33100 (Computer Maintenance) to 1000-0002-22000 (Office Supplies).

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the request to make the transfer.

Vote: 7-0

Commissioners- Andrew Hall and Brenda Hardy

The Commissioners had emailed a proposal to the Council from Architura. Architura is excellent with working on historic buildings, mainly courthouses. They would be able to do any work without compromising the historic integrity of the building. Their quote is for \$30,000. This quote includes not only the master plan, but extensive asset management.

Phase I: 2 separate contracts, 1 with Architura and the 2nd with Ameresco to do the Heating and Cooling in the building. Last year, they submitted a quote including 3 different plans that the County could pick from. They believe the best option is Plan C.

Phase II: Overall Spectrum of what is needed to be done with all of the County Assets.

They think that some of the ARP funds that are coming in will be able to pay for the heating and cooling system.

Dudley pointed out that the contract states that there would be an additional fee of \$150,000 - \$200,000. He asked what that entailed. Andrew will be calling and finding out. He also asked if any research had been done on Cardigraph and Tecton. Tippecanoe County uses both companies. Andrew stated there hasn't been any research on them.

Tom Booe brought up that the heating/cooling needs to be done regardless of whether or not there is a Master Plan. The Council had requested a quote from Scott Williams, but Rick Beck stated that Scott was told not to submit one.

The Commissioners stated that Ameresco would create a plan for HVAC and would not necessarily do the work. That it would be opened up for bids.

The quote also did not mention if there was any annual fee with Architura like Ameresco had. The Ameresco Master Plan includes a quote of \$750,000-\$800,000 worth of work to be done.

Dudley said that the grant that was coming over the next 4 years was very detailed in what they could use the funds for. It included water, sewer, broadband and businesses that have been shorted during the COVID pandemic. They would need to show proof of shortage.

In short, Andrew will contact Architura to confirm pricing and Tom will be calling Scott about the quote.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

Currently, they have 67 inmates. Nineteen (19) of which are from Sullivan County. Around 3 p.m. today, they will know when to expect the estimated 30 inmates coming from Vermillion County, while they renovate their Jail.

They are short Jailers for the number of inmates they have. They requested 4 more Jailers to match the Jail Study that was done a couple years ago. It would be \$55,392 per Jailer. This includes benefits. There were no objections to them hiring 4 more Jailers.

May 3rd is the projected date that the Body Scanner will be installed.

EMS – Garth Kagels

Collections are much better so far this year compared to last year. They are averaging 240 + calls a month.

Remount Update: There are no 2021 ambulance packages available. They have decided on a 2022, but it won't be ready until late August then 60 days after that to put on the Chassis.

Treasurer – Susan Coffing

She brought a quote to the Council about outsourcing the tax bills next year from L & D Mailmasters. Dudley said it will be discussed further at Budget time.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 10, 2021
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-0

Cousser Chambers
ATTEST

Dudley Caves

Anna W. Broe

Bill Glover

Kelly Carlson

Dale Clawson

James Decker

John Stubbins