

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
July 11th, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 5-0

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

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for June 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 5-0

**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 and Health Dept. (Mar 22), Ambulance, Clerk, Health, Recorder and Sheriff’s Dept (Apr 22) and Recorder and Sheriff (May 22). Vote: 5-0

**COMMISSARY REPORT – June 2022**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Commissary Report for January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. There is a balance of \$79,819.59 as of June 30, 2022. Vote: 5-0

**WEGA – Rod Bannon**

A presentation was given to the Council in regards to the marketplace in the City of Attica. They passed around a letter of support from Harrison Steel Casting Co. There are approximately 130,000 visitors to Attica each year that go to the Badlands or Harrison Hills Golf Course. The WEGA committee answered questions from the council.

They are requesting \$750,000 from the County. This will be used for the interior of the building. They will be receiving CEDIT money from the City of Attica along with \$368,000 from Attica’s ARPA money. They have received a grant from Indiana Landmarks. These funds will be used for the exterior of the building. Attica has also committed their food and beverage tax to this project until 2025. Matchbox will be giving money for the staffing. They will be applying to the USDA for a grant, which will also be used for staffing.

This project may work as a pilot program for the State but must be up and running before the State will give them consideration.

**ARPA FUNDS - Recommendations**

The Commissioners made the recommendation for the following:

Town of Kingman	not to exceed \$400,000
Attica – Market Place	not to exceed \$750,000
KJG Architecture	\$40,000
Courthouse Renovation	Tabled
Co Hwy – Salt Barn	Tabled

A motion was made by Jim McKee to give WEGA (Attica – Market Place) up to \$750,000 and opened it up for discussion. Kelly Carlson seconded the motion. Vote: 1-4 (Jim McKee – Yea vote)

**Motion failed**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the \$40,000 recommendation for KJG Architecture. Vote: 5-0

The Council would like to discuss the recommendation for the Town of Kingman and the City of Attica Marketplace at a joint session with the Commissioners.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

Matt Johnson looked at the drain at the EMS building. For Option 1, he proposes to cut into the cement in the middle of the kitchen (approximately a 10 x 20 area) and re-route the drain so that it will drain properly. Johnson will replace the lines, put down rebar, fill with concrete and haul away all debris for \$7,500.

The second option would be to go through the wall and/or foundation and run it out to a manhole at a much higher cost. They will try option 1 first and not fill with concrete or tile the floor until it is determined if it worked. The Council requested that Garth get another quote or two for the tiling of the area.

Garth has received a couple of invoices from Johnson to come out and unclog the drain. Council asked that they be turned in and paid out of County General Maintenance II.

**Highway – Jason Lewis**

Jason has received a quote from Greystone on a salt barn. He is waiting to receive a quote from another company. He has ordered the salt for the winter season at \$90.00 per ton. We will be purchasing 300 tons. He will be starting the chip and seal process soon. There is 30-40 miles of road that are in need. He will have to see how far he can stretch the budget as prices are up approximately 30%.

**Auditor – Colleen Chambers**

Colleen reported that she has received word that the contractor will be filing a claim against the county due to non-payment of invoices for the mowing. She asked the Council to allow her to pay these as she was put in the middle of a situation that she had no control over.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to pay for the mowing out of the County Farm fund until the end of the year. Vote: 5-0

**Transfer**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to transfer \$3,000 from 4924-0005-44101 Equipment to 4924-0000-33720 Lawn Mowing. Vote: 5-0

**2023 BUDGETS** – The binders with the Budget Requests for 2023 were passed out to the Council.

**BUDGET HEARINGS –Monday, August 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

**BUDGET ADOPTION – Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE August 8, 2022  
AT 8:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to adjourn  
the meeting. Vote: 5-0

Cecilia Chambers  
**ATTEST**

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Bill Glover

Kelly L Carlson

Dale Larson

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