

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 14th, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting 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 January 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for Nov & Dec 2021

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for November and December 2021. Vote: 7-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Ambulance, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff’s Dept. Vote: 7-0

Annual Jail Report & Commissary Report

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge and accept the Annual Jail Report and Commissary Report for 2021. Vote: 7-0

ENCUMBER

Request to encumber the following:

Move Over Outfitters – Equipment for New Sheriff Vehicles

4932-0000-44901	\$8,000
4924-0000-44901	\$19,280
1138-0005-44101	<u>\$1,750</u>
Total	\$29,030

Donley Safety

1138-0301-44101	\$7,800
1138-0301-44445	<u>\$155,000</u>
Total	\$162,800

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded Tom Booe to approve the encumbrance request. Vote: 7-0

Transfer Request

From:	1000-0068-33490 (Liability Insurance)	
To:	1000-0068-44901 (Capital Outlay)	\$6.48
From:	1000-0003-33110 (Tax Out Sourcing)	
To:	1000-0003-33000 (Postage)	\$600.00

fencing for his livestock. Two appraisals were obtained that included the whole acreage and the portion that John Hoagland has inquired about. Dudley Cruea would like to see what the assessment would be and the amount of taxes if put back on to the tax rolls, along with the return on the investment, if sold. Discussion was heard in regards to updating the current contract. More discussion on the matter will be heard at the next meeting.

LONGEVITY PAY

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve Resolution 2022-1 adopting the payment of longevity pay for certain employees as set out in the resolution.

- At least 5 years of service equals an additional \$ 750.00
- At least 10 years of service equals an additional \$ 1000.00
- At least 15 years of service equals an additional \$ 1250.00
- At least 20 years of service equals an additional \$ 1500.00
- At least 25 years of service equals an additional \$2,000.00

Vote:7-0

Department Head Reports

Sheriff – Terry Holt

They are projecting approximately \$400,000 in out of county housing income for 2022. From March–December of 2021 \$349,000 was received.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

The height of the ambulances has gotten taller. A step has been installed in one and the others have camper style stairs. They break all the time. There has already been an employee fall down the stairs. He has gotten a quote of \$2,120.00 for each truck plus installation, for a total amount of \$7,875.00. The green army ambulance was sold in the amount of \$5,000. He would like to use that money towards the stairs.

The mileage on a couple of the trucks is getting high. He would like to start looking for a new one due to the availability. A new ambulance has been budgeted for 2022. He also believes you can use the ARP funds to purchase an ambulance. The Council would like for him to start looking for 2 new ambulances provided we can use ARP funds for one of them. Estimated delivery time is 12–18-months.

The Fire Chief in Wallace has reported that one resident has already benefited from the County having the PHI Flight Plan.

The Council and Commissioners would like to have a Town Hall meeting to share information on the plan for all residents of Fountain County.

Community Corrections – Buffy White

They have purchased 2 AEDs for their building. They are requesting to use Covid-19 Cares Act Fund. The total for the AED's is \$4,488.40.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to purchase the AEDs from Co General – Capital Outlay. Vote: 7-0

Coroner - Joshua Whittington

Attica High School will be the host this year "Every 15 Minutes" program. The purpose of the project is to spread awareness to the students about drunk driving. It will be on April 13th and 14th. This is funded through the Western Community Foundation and has the support of the Emergency Departments.

Last year there were 43 cases and 3-4 phone consults. Heart Disease remains the #1 killer in Fountain County. There was 1 Covid death last year. So far this year, there has been 7 cases.

Auditor - Colleen Chambers

She received a quote from LOW, our Financial & Taxing software company, in the amount of \$7,129.80 for Doculivity. Employees can log online and get their own paystubs, W2's etc. Currently, there is enough money to add it on, but she would like to make sure she had the Council's support in the future if more funds were needed.

Commissioners – Andrew Hall & Brenda Hardy

Andrew gave an update on the Maple Corner purchase. They have been busy getting ready for the auction of the contents that are not needed. The auction will take place on March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. They have decided to keep a few items for a Tribute Wall for the original Maple Corner, which opened in 1931. BT Reynolds has disconnected the gas throughout the building. They have been through the building and everything is in good shape. The building is sound and will be an easy remodel. Right now, costs accrued with the building are coming out of the Courthouse budget. They will have to work with Council on this as they will need more money at some point.

The Commissioners also would like to move \$10,000 from the Shop Foreman (this position has not been filled) line item in the County Highway (1176) budget to the Highway Superintendent Position to use as leverage to get a qualified person. That would bring their salary up to \$64,682.00.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer of \$10,000 to Highway Superintendent.

Vote: 7-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 14, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7-0

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Dalley Cramer

Bill Booe

Kelly L Carlson

Dale Clawson

James Hall

James Hershberger