

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
November 8, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

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

**WHIN – Johnny Parks**

WHIN has done a lot of projects and put over 1.5 million into Fountain County over the last 5 years. They have been funded by the Lily Endowment, but are now respectfully looking for Fountain County to help fund WHIN for the next 5 years. They are trying to bring more economic development into the County which in return will bring more job opportunity making life more attractive and comfortable. Examples would be broadband and high-speed internet in rural locations and the most advanced technology for farming. Nothing was decided at this time.

**Van Buren Township**

They sold a Fire Truck that belonged to a trustee in the amount of \$10,600. They need to put the money back into their funds.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the receipting in of \$10,600 back into their fund. Vote: 5-0

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 5-0

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

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for September and October, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 5-0

**Report of Collections – as submitted:**

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, and Sheriff Report of Collections for September and the Clerk’s Monthly Reports for August and September, 2021.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections and the Clerk’s monthly reports as submitted. Vote: 5-0

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

**Statewide E 911**

From:	10600	Part time	
To:	33800	Training/Education	\$3,000
From:	10600	Part Time	
To:	33500	Telephone	\$500
From:	10206	Operator	
To:	14000	Overtime	\$20,000
From:	33300	Travel	
To:	44101	Equipment	\$2,000

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the above transfers in the amount of \$25,500 Vote: 5-0

**County General – Radio Dispatch**

From:	10206	Operator	
To:	22000	Office Supplies	\$700

From:	10206	Operator	
To:	22520	Uniforms	\$500

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the above transfers in the amount of \$1,200 Vote: 5-0

**County General – Radio Dispatch**

From:	0303-33300	Travel/Mileage	\$540
To:	0303-33130	Contractual Services	\$500
To:	0303-33105	IDACS	\$ 40

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$540. Vote: 5-0

**County General - Prosecutor**

From:	33000	Postage	
To:	33900	Dues & Subscriptions	\$360

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$360. Vote: 5-0

**County General – Emergency Management**

From:	33800	Training & Education	
To:	33500	Telephone	\$200

From:	44100	Computer Hardware	
To:	33100	Computer Maintenance	\$200

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$400. Vote: 5-0

**County General – Clerk**

From:	0001-10400	3 <sup>rd</sup> Deputy	\$3,600
To:	0001-10600	Part time	\$3,600

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$3,600. Vote: 5-0

**County General – Clerk**

From:	0001-33800	Training & Education	
To:	0001-33300	Travel	\$135.00

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$135. Vote: 5-0

**MVH**

From:	0533-44101	Equipment	
To:	0533-22041	Other Garage & Motor	\$30,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$30,000. Vote: 5-0

**MVH**

From:  
Gen & Undistributed  
0533-22501 Gasoline \$4,070  
To:  
Highway Administration  
0530-34300 Building Repairs \$4,070

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$4,070. Vote: 5-0

From:  
Gen & Undistributed  
0533-44101 Equipment \$10,000  
To:  
0533-22041 Other Garage & Motor \$10,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$10,000. Vote: 5-0

**Cumulative Bridge**

From: 44920 Bridge 97 \$40,000  
To: 22360 Signs \$10,000  
To: 22351 Steel \$30,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$40,000. Vote: 5-0

**HEALTH**

From: 33800 Training & Education  
To: 33603 Housekeeping, Maintenance  
& Repairs \$335.00

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$335. Vote: 5-0

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Public Hearing was opened at 9:41 a.m.  
Public Comment:

Public Hearing Closed at 9:43 a.m.

**RESOLUTION 2021-42**

**County General – Ambulance**  
0301-22501 Gas & Oil \$10,000  
06301-33550 Utilities \$5,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$15,000.00. Vote: 5-0

**RESOLUTION 2021-43**

**County General - Coroner**

0007-33820 Body Transport \$1,025

**0007-17000**  
**0007-33460**

**On Call**  
**Autopsy Expense**

**\$1,000**  
**\$6,175**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$8,200. Vote: 5-0

**RESOLUTION 2021-44**

**LIT – Public Safety**  
**22030**

**Tires, Gas, Oil & Lube**

**\$12,000**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$12,000.

Vote: 5-0

**AUDITOR – REQUEST**

Requesting permission to make transfers from now until the end of the year so that we will not end up with funds in the red on December 31. It will allow the Auditor to monitor the accounts.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the Auditor to make transfers until the end of the year as needed.

Vote: 5-0

**RE-ADOPTION OF 2022 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to readopt the Budget for 2022 and execute the Form 4 as presented.

Vote: 5-0

**SALARY ORDINANCE 2021-16**

Review of the proposed Salary Ordinance for 2022. A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the proposed Salary Ordinance as presented with changes.

Vote: 5-0

**Department Head Reports**

**Terry Holt – Sheriff**

There are 78 inmates at the Jail at this time. 32 of them are Out of County. Parke County is currently sending their inmates to Fountain County because of a COVID Outbreak.

**Garth Kagels – EMS**

He is working with Addy about changes in the Salary Ordinance. They are not allowed to do the "Kelly" rotation. It only applies to Law Enforcement and the Fire Department. Their compensation will have to be a base salary or hourly rate. He is still planning on doing an ABC shift.

He realizes that it is backwards, but he found out that they opened up the opportunity to apply for a Fireman Assistant Grant that morning. He would like to update their Cot Systems in the Trucks. It is a very competitive grant and they would be lucky to get it. The cots are supposed to be updated every 8-10 years. The council is in agreement that he pursue the grant with the Commissioner's approval.

**Rick Beck**

The boilers are running, but with issues. BT Reynolds is coming on Tuesday to look and fix what needs to be done and change out the valves on the radiators. Also, the elevator shaft needs to be looked at.

**Rusty Peevler – Highway**

They received \$999,745.76 through the Community Crossings Grant.

**Colleen Chambers – Auditor**

The Auditor’s Office will be closed on November 18<sup>th</sup> for Training with LOW for our financial and taxing software.

**Kitchen Equipment**

Insurance money was received from the claim on the Kitchen appliances at the new jail in the amount of \$5,000. Terry Holt and the Council agree that the appliances should go to the Fairgrounds. It is the Commissioner’s decision.

**Dudley Cruea**

He and Andrew Hall had a conversation regarding purchasing Maple Corner and turn it into the EMA, 911 and Coroner building. They will be doing a walk through on Friday at 5pm.

They also discussed selling the County Farm. It will need to be appraised.

**Covington Mayor Brad Crain**

He proposed that another Ambulance be put in Covington when they build a new Fire Station. They would build living quarters in there as well if an ambulance were to come to Covington.

They have also set up an Economic Development Committee. It is made up of 1 City Council, 1 County Council and the Mayor’s appointment.

**A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to appoint Dudley Cruea to the Covington Economic Development Committee.**

**Vote: 4-0**

This is concerning the Fountain Springs TIF District.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 13, 2021  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

**Vote: 5-0**

Colleen Chambers  
ATTEST

Dudley Cruea  
Tom Booe  
Kelly L. Carlson  
Dale Clawson  
James D. Sipe  
James L. Hershberger