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**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 10TH, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 7-0

**Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for Dec. 31, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 7-0

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to appoint Dudley Cruea as President of the Fountain County Council for 2022.

Vote: 7-0

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to appoint Jim Hershberger as Vice-President of the Fountain County Council for 2022.

Vote: 7-0

**ABC APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Bill Glover to appoint Bill Williams to the Alcohol & Beverage Commission for 2022. Dale Clawson seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

A motion was made by Tom Booe to appoint Dale Clawson to the Fountain County Solid Waste Management Board for 2022. Jim Hershberger seconded the motion.

Vote: 7-0

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Jim McKee to the Emergency Management Advisory Council for 2022.

Vote: 7-0

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint the following to the Insurance Committee for 2022.

Brenda Hardy  
Commissioner

Tom Booe  
Council Member

Colleen Chambers  
Auditor

Kim Johnson  
Payroll/HR Deputy

Vote: 7-0

**TRUSTEES OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST**

The Commissioners appointed Brenda Hardy as a trustee for the Employee Benefit Trust. The council will appoint a member along with the auditor and

the payroll clerk. A motion was made by Dale Clawson to appoint Tom Booe as trustee and motion was seconded by Jim Hershberger.

Vote: 7-0

**Planning Commission (Council Member)**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Dale Clawson to the Planning Commission.

Vote: 7-0

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint Rodney Norman to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Vote: 7-0

**Purdue Extension Office**

They would like to ask the Council approval for the use of COVID Funds to purchase 2 AED's for the fairgrounds. The Commissioners have already approved the request. The total is \$4,469.06. A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request.

Vote: 7-0

**Old Jail Demolition  
Previously Tabled**

Discussion was heard in the matter of the demolition of the Old Jail. No decision was made.

**ENCUMBER FUNDS**

**SHERIFF –**

\$1,040.08 – BEN TIRE            1170-0005-22030  
\$212.00 -- PARISH TIRE & BATTERY    1170-0005-22030

**COMMISSIONERS**

\$2,900.00 - Deckard Engineering - Environmental Study  
\$425,000 - For the purchase of Maple Corner

**Courthouse**

Maintenance / Repair  
\$1,205.00 Ricketts Electric LLC    1000-0172-33600

**CORONER**

\$6,052.00 Tippecanoe County Treasurer    1000-0007-33460  
Out of County Autopsies

**Clerk**

\$548.50    Mileage Claim, Hotel Charges/Parking    1000-0062-33300

**ASSESSOR**

\$8,000    Website Bill    1224-0000-33080

**Judge – Circuit Court**

\$2,400    Internet Reimbursement                    1000-0232-33700  
\$500.00    Clerk Postage Fund                        1000-0232-33000

**County Highway**

\$400.00    Miscellaneous (Plug-ins)                1176-0531-22260

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger seconded by Tom Booe to approve all of the requests for encumbering.

Vote: 7-0

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### **County Highway – 12 x 28 Office**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the purchase of the 12 x 28 portable office for the County Highway.  
Vote: 7-0

### **Longevity Pay**

Dudley Cruea gave a draft of a resolution for Longevity pay. Andrew Krout and other members of the committee do not agree with the pay scale. The Council was given the spreadsheet of comparable counties with longevity pay. They will make a decision at the next Council meeting.

### **Coroner Van**

The payment for the van was not budgeted. A decision needs to be made where to take the money out of or if an additional appropriation is needed. The monthly payment is \$419.71.

### **Department Head Reports**

#### **Sheriff – Terry Holt**

There are 73 in jail. They are currently housing inmates from Sullivan and Vermillion Counties.

#### **County Highway – Rusty Peevler**

For a line striper, it is around \$95,000 to purchase the machine. To do the road from Interstate 74 to 32, it would cost \$9,129.60. No decision was made on this.

Travis Covault was promised compensation last year for being Assistant Superintendent and it was never followed through with. He was appointed assistant again this year and Rusty is asking for compensation for him. At the present, he is making the same as everyone else.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve a flat \$5,000 raise (no overtime) and for the salary ordinance to be amended to \$46,503.64. Vote: 7-0

#### **Christian Beaver – US Senate Candidate**

He gave his reasons for running for US Senate for District 23. His focus is on equality of opportunities for children, economic growth and broadband in all counties.

#### **Sheriff Department – Body Cameras**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to us ARPA funds for the body cameras as long as it is approved by Jake German. Vote: 7-0

Fundraiser Event Invitation January 19, 2022 6-9pm – Dr. Douglas Frank  
He will be talking about election integrity and COVID-19

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 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

Attest:

Cassie Chambers

DuWay Cline  
Tom M. Booe  
Bill Brown  
Kelly L. Carlson  
Dale Clouse  
James D. Fisher  
James Lee Haulborn