

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
July 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruca, Tom Booe, Dale White, Kelly Carlson, Denise Crowder and Jeff Fishero. Jim McKee was on zoom.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale White to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2024 and June 17, 2024 Special Meeting as presented.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Health Department and Recorder for May.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

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

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for May and June 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for April 2024

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Dale White to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for April, 2024.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

Transfers

From: 1176-0530-33310 Freight
To: 1176-0530-33900 Dues & Subscriptions \$46.22

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer in the amount of \$46.22.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2024-12 - TABLED

1112-0068-33130 Paws & Claws \$ 9,000.00

COMMISSARY REPORT December 2023

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale White to acknowledge the Commissary Report for January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. The balance is \$107,549.93.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruca Y
Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Jason Lewis

Jason invited the Council to a preconstruction meeting with Milestone and USI for the Stringtown Road project through the Community Crossing Grant.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the annex. He will also be looking into dust control and oil shots. He asked council for their blessing on a cost sharing plan.

Health Department – Jenny Eads

Jenny asked for permission to spend more on the preventative screening (heart and lung scans). She would like to get 200 more spots at \$50 per person (\$10,000). This would come from the Fund 9782 – COVID Vaccine insurance Reimbursement Grant.

Landfill – Greg Robison

He updated Council on the landfill. They have been working on some of things that IDEM found. He will email a copy of the water report that was received. All in all things are going well.

Security – Bill Lathrop

Bill handed out a quote for an awning that would be purchased to cover the entrance to the wheel chair ramp as they will be utilizing the walk thru scanner. They will be using that door as the entry. The Council will consider this at budget time. After the first of the year, the Judge will be pursuing a grant for a scanner for bags and a desk.

Amber Roarks – Invoice (DES Engineering)

Amber compiled a spread sheet for the Council in regards to invoices paid to DES Engineering. She stated that Roger had turned in several in April of 2023 and noticed a change in the rate. A meeting was called to discuss the contract and charges. The Commissioners updated the contract and was effective on May 1, 2023. She said everything prior should be under the old contract. He was not to charge for printing, copies and postage. Kelly Carlson said this is why we need to raise the solar permit fee to cover some of the costs that were charged on behalf of the solar companies. There was also a charge for a conversation/meeting with Bannon Engineering. The council would like an explanation of this and other charges. There was also a question about a charge for the Sweet Pea solar project. Council thought the solar company should pay for that consultation. Council voted earlier to deny the additional appropriation until they get an explanation on the charges in question. There was a discussion about hiring a part time person as the plan commission/zoning administrator.

Public Comment

Kim Kalweit – Readi 2 Grant

She is working for the Town of Veedersburg on a grant. She would like to know where the \$4.5 million is going from the Readi 2 grant. Veedersburg has a project that they have submitted. There is a public match. If the WEGA board is using that money for a public match will that affect Veedersburg in the future? She would like some answers. Brad Crain gave a run down on the distribution of the funds, if approved. She was directed to contact the WEGA Board.

Carol Owens

She thought the \$9,000 was for cages for the cats at Paws & Claws. The \$9,000 is for the increase in the contract amount.

Baker Tilly Invoice

An invoice was received from Baker Tilley in the amount of \$21,583.10 for professional time related to preparing various bonding scenarios, participating on conference calls and attending meetings. The Council is not willing to pay the invoice until an explanation is received.

Budget Hearings & Meetings:

- August 12 at 9:00 a.m.**
- August 20 at 6:00 p.m.**
- September 9 at 9:00 a.m.**
- September 17 at 6:00 p.m. – Discussion Only**
- October 15 – Budget Adoption**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
 MONDAY, August 12, 2024
 AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to close the meeting.

J Fishero Y J McKee Y D Crowder Y K Carlson Y D White Y T Booe Y D Cruea Y
 Vote: 7-0

ATTEST:

Carrie Chambers

Kelly L. Carlson
Tom Booe
Dale A. White
Denise Crowder
J Fishero
James S. Fisher