

**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**August 12, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present: Kelly Carlson, Tom Booe, Dale White, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee and Jeff Fishero. Dudley Cruea was absent.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting; July 8, 2024 Joint Meeting with Commissioners and Council; Special Council Meeting on July 25, 2024 as presented. Vote: 6-0

**Report of Collections – as submitted**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for June and July. Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Denise Crowder to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for July 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 6-0

**Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for June and July 2024 along with the Amended Report for May 2024**

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for June and July, 2024 along with the amended report for May 2024. Vote: 6-0

**Transfers**

From:	1170-0000-10904	Deputy 11	
To:	1170-0005-10152	Sheriff Incentive Pay	\$2,000

**Non-Reverting E-911**

From:	1223-0000-10206	Operator	
To:	1223-0000-10600	Part Time	\$5,000

From:	1223-0000-10206	Operator	
To:	1223-0000-14000	Overtime	\$5,000

**Co Gen – Radio Dispatch**

From:	1000-0303-33300	Travel/Mileage	
To:	1000-0303-33105	IDACS	\$1,000

**Co Gen – Plan Commission**

From:	1000-0079-33000	Postage	
To:	1000-0079-33250	Consulting Fees	\$257.50

**Co Gen – Commissioners**

From:	1000-0068-10117	Longevity	
To:	1000-0068-10000	Social Security	\$16,000

**Co Gen – Ambulance**

From:	1000-0301-15800	Paramedic	
To:	1000-0301-14000	Overtime	\$60,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the transfers. Vote: 6-0

**Resolution 2024-12 - TABLED**  
**1112-0068-33130 Paws & Claws \$ 9,000.00**

Jeff Fishero wants to talk to the Hillsboro Town Council in regards to this contract. The contract is for the county but uncertain if the towns were included in the contract.

**Additional**

The Auditor went over some additional requests that were being requested with the Council.

**Invoices**

**Ritter Strategic Services** – Invoice #202223 - \$900

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to pay the invoice from the Council's budget. Vote: 6-0

**Baker Tilly** – Invoice BTMA2598 - \$21,583.10

Dale White made a motion to pay the above invoice out of the ARPA Fund (8950). Denise Crowder seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

**Envoy** – Invoices Dated May 31, 2024 (\$143,938.40) and July 10, 2024 (\$48,278.85)

A motion was made by Denise Crowder to pay the invoice dated May 31, 2024 in the amount of \$143,938.40 out of the ARPA Funds (8950). The motion was seconded by Dale White. Vote: 6-0

No decision was made on the remaining invoice as this work was done after the Council had voted to halt all work as of June 1, 2024.

**Plan Commission** – Invoice # 22518 from Kent Minnette - \$2,298.00

Council decided to wait until they have reviewed the invoices and have met with Roger Azar.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

Garth went over the overtime pay with the Council. He has filled all but one paramedic spot. Garth said it has been difficult to fill the positions with part time people. Denise Crowder was concerned that we don't have enough full-time people according to the figures given. Garth also requested an additional in the amount of \$200,000 for overtime to finish the year. They received the first ambulance on Friday and the other should be ready on Wednesday of this week. The re-mount has been pushed back to late November or December.

**Health – Jenny Eads**

She has received a new contract for the lease of the Health Department building. It is a 5-year lease with a 6-month early termination clause. The rent per month is the same.

**Public Comment**

Brad Crain – Covington Mayor asked why the County did not include the 250 feet from the Dixie Bee intersection on Stringtown Road to the railroad bridge going into Covington. Jason Lewis stated that it was not in our INDOT inventory. Brad would like to see that section paved. He will be getting a quote from Milestone on the cost.

**Budget Hearings – 10: 20 a.m.**

The Council went over the budget requests for 2025 with the following departments:

Soil & Water; Veteran Service Officer, Purdue Extension; Treasurer, Recorder, Emergency Management, Landfill, Assessor and E-911.

The Council then continued the budget hearing until August 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Budget Hearings & Meetings:**  
September 9 at 9:00 a.m.  
September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A  
TUESDAY, August 20, 2024  
AT 6:00 P.M.**

ATTEST:

Cassie Chambers

Don W. Boase  
Dale H. White  
Kelly J. Carlson  
Denise Crowder  
Jenna S. Miller  
Jeff S. Miller