

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
May 9th, 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.

**Rod Bannon**

He gave a presentation to the County Council about what the Attica Economic Development is planning to do to the downtown of Attica. There would be an "Incubator" where people can come to train on how to start their small business and availability to launch their business for a weekend, week, etc. There also will be an outdoor Marketplace where people can set up to sell their items. The building they are remodeling is where they need financial help. They have already purchased the building with CEDIT funds from the City. They have requested \$250,000 from the County. No decision has been made.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 5-0

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of April 21, 2022. Vote: 7-0

**Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds - Tabled**

**REPORT OF COLLECTIONS - Tabled**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**\*Jim McKee had to leave the meeting**

**Public Hearing was opened at 9:56 a.m.**

Public Comment: Carol Owens questioned the purchase of the 2022 Peterbilt for the Highway Department. Jason Lewis explained that the truck will be used with the Total Patcher and they got the other truck fixed, instead of buying 2 trucks.

**Public Hearing Closed at 10:00 a.m.**

**Resolution 2022-16**

County General – Psychiatric Medical 1000-0232-33301 \$3,000

They have had 2 claims already this year and it has put them in the red. The additional will enable them to pay for any other evaluations that may come up in the remainder of 2022.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the amount of \$3,000. Vote: 6-0

**Resolution 2022-17**

County General – Capital Outlay 1000-0068-44901 \$272,145

This request is for the county match on the Community Crossings Matching Grant (2021-2) that was awarded last year.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$272,145. Vote: 6-0

**Resolution 2022-18**

Local Road & Street – Equipment 1169-0000-44101 \$75,000

This request is for a portion of the 2022 Peterbilt truck in the total amount of \$134,000.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$75,000. Vote: 6-0

#### **Resolution 2022-19**

MVH – Equipment 1176-0531-44101 \$60,000

This request is for a portion of the 2022 Peterbilt truck in the total amount of \$60,000.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$60,000. Vote: 6-0

#### **Resolution 2022-20**

MVH – Equipment 1176-0530-44101 \$6,000

Funds will be used to purchase new computers, monitors, battery backup, and booster for the Highway department.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$6,000. Vote: 6-0

#### **TRANSFER REQUEST – Veteran Service**

From: 1000-0012-33400 Printing and Advertising

To: 1000-0012-33930 Flags \$10.39

Bob Cates is asking to transfer \$10.39 due to the increase cost of the flags

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer. Vote: 6-0

#### **County General - Courthouse**

From: 1000-0172-10600

To: 1000-0172-34310 Snow Removal \$1,960.00

Request to transfer to cover the cost of mowing the lawn for 2022.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer. Vote: 3-3

**\*Motion was not passed**

#### **Department Head Reports**

##### **Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

They received Medicare Reimbursement from 2019 in the estimated amount of \$10,155.00.

He will be putting in an additional appropriation of medical supplies, Gas & Oil and equipment repair.

Numbers are going up for runs, which means more gas/oil, supplies and potential equipment issues.

They are working with the Highway Department to see if they can get any kind of reimbursement for fuel.

##### **Clerk – Paula Copenhaver**

The election equipment worked well during the election. There were only a couple things that the voter registration volunteers need better training on. The old equipment has encoders that Jasper County would like to purchase. She would like to do that to recoup some costs. She will approach the Commissioners about it.

##### **EMA – Joe Whitaker**

He has applied for 2 grants and should be receiving them soon. A salary reimbursement grant in the amount of \$32,000 and a competitive grant in the amount of \$18,000. That grant is to be used for replacing the ID badge machine and key fobs.

**Highway – Jason Lewis**

There was a public hearing for the Resolutions concerning the Highway Department. He answered any questions that there was. He and Travis expressed concerns about the Enterprise agreement.

**Sheriff – Terry Holt**

There are currently 68 in jail. Thirty-one of which the County is being paid for. There was an issue with the ordering of the new squad cars with Kelley Chevrolet. They never ordered the cars. Now, they are ordering through Alsop and they should be available by October.

They also proposed that a fence be built around the Jail for added security.

Currently, there is not a secure place for inmates to go during a fire drill or extra security by the Sally Port.

The Council asked for them to get some quotes and find out how far out the fence would have to be from the building.

**Enterprise Agreement**

Jim Hershberger had a few reservations about the agreement and wanted to have clarification on what a few things were. Such as, trade in value, added equipment etc. The Council would like to have the Enterprise representatives come to a joint meeting so that all questions could be addressed and that everyone could be made aware of the details.

**Warren County Council**

Warren County Council has requested to have a joint meeting with the Fountain County Council to discuss the Health Department and 911. They have some questions and have heard a few things. They would like some clarification and to ask some questions. The County Council has agreed.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 13, 2022  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 6-0

Corinna Chambers  
ATTEST

Dyckley Green  
Tom W. Poole  
Bill Blum  
Kelly L. Carlson  
Dale Clawson  
James D. Kasper  
James L. Hurlbary