

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
February 10, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Kelly Carlson, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee, Jeff Fishero, Todd Hegg, Dudley Cruea, and Jeff Carver.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting as well as the joint Commissioners/Council Meeting on January 21, 2025 as presented.

Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Sheriff, Ambulance and Clerk for the month of January 2025.

Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance- Garth Kagels

Garth said collections were good. They are working on some secondary insurance delays and trying to stay on top of Medicare. There have been roughly 217-218 runs.

Health Dept – Jenny

Jenny asked to carry over the funds from 1206 to cover the liability insurance for the nurses. This would be roughly \$11,000.00. We will put this on the agenda for March 03, 2025 for a public hearing. Jenny also brought flyers regarding the Ag Safety days. The Health Dept is encouraging people to get a free heart and lung screening.

Sheriff’s Dept – Andrew Krout

Deputy Krout informed the Council that he had asked the Commissioner’s to recognize the same holidays for the emergency service departments as they currently do for the Courthouse employees. The Council would like to have some figures on how it will affect the budget. Andrew would also like to get some bids on a storage barn/training facility. He has met with Sheriff Holt and Aaron Fruits. They would like to have a location where they can train, a classroom and bathroom. They would also like to have a reloading on the south end. They will draw up some plans and reach out for bids. The sewer grinder project is under way and they are making progress. He also discussed that he has gotten quotes from Huston generators and Evapar. He has already taken them to the Commissioners.

ADDITIONALS

Hearing Opened at 9:25 a.m.

Public Comment

Hearing Closed at 9:27 a.m.

CCD – Keller PC

1138-0068-33100 Computer Maintenance \$7,200.00

Co Gen – Jail

1000-0380-10506 Jail Commander/Deputy 5 \$1,200.00

Health Dept (\$290,428.75)

1161-0000-10153	Retirement 60%	\$3,854.04
1161-0000-10154	Retirement 40%	\$3,854.03
1161-0000-10410	Lead Risk Assessor 60%	\$9,000.00
1161-0000-22001	Office Supplies 60%	\$1,500.00
1161-0000-22002	Office Supplies 40%	\$1,000.00
1161-0000-22230	Vaccines Supplies 60%	\$5,000.00
1161-0000-22230	Vaccine Flu	\$5,000.00
1161-0000-22261	Other Supplies 60%	\$500.00
1161-0000-22262	Other Supplies 40%	\$500.00
1161-0000-33606	Repair & Maintenance 60%	\$2,900.00
1161-0000-33607	Repair & Maintenance 40%	\$2,900.00
1161-0000-33611	Program/Partner Supply 60%	\$50,000.00
1161-0000-33511	Communication/Other 60%	\$2,700.00
1161-0000-33512	Communication/Other 40%	\$5,300.00
1161-0000-33711	Cellphones 60%	\$800.00
1161-0000-33712	Cellphones 40%	\$400.00
1161-0000-33002	Postage 60%	\$250.00
1161-0000-33003	Postage 40%	\$250.00
1161-0000-33491	Liability Insurance 60%	\$1,500.00
1161-0000-33492	Liability Insurance 40%	\$1,000.00
1161-0000-33701	Internet 60%	\$1,850.00
1161-0000-33702	Internet 40%	\$1,850.00
1161-0000-33004	Advertising Supplies 60%	\$15,000.00
1161-0000-33005	Advertising Supplies 40%	\$3,538.00
1161-0000-22042	Repair/Maint Fridge 60%	\$800.00
1161-0000-33681	Rentals Bldg 60%	\$9,480.00
1161-0000-33682	Rentals Bldg 40%	\$9,480.00
1161-0000-33513	Com Grants 60%	\$116,369.68
1161-0000-44902	Cap Outlay Bldg Repair 60%	\$20,312.00
1161-0000-44902	Cap Outlay Bldg Repair 40%	\$13,541.00

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Todd Hegg to approve the additional request.

Vote: 7-0

Greenway Project

CEDIT Trail Project \$225,000.00

LOIT Public Safety

1170-0005-10302 Deputy Sgt/Detective \$2,000.00

The Greenway project and LOIT Public Safety will be discussed at the March 03, 2025 meeting once they have been researched.

There were some questions regarding the project. Todd Hegg did say that this would be built up above the flood stage. Dudley Cruea asked who is responsible for cleanup if there is a flood. Brad Crain stated that the city takes responsibility and also maintains the trail. The city does carry liability insurance as well. It was asked if the land owners deeded the land for the trail to the city. Brad Crain will get with Dale White and get the answers. Ethan Myers stated he would like to give the county part of the trail to the city. Rod Bannon said that the land would count as a match. Ethan will look into this. Jason Lewis has also asked INDOT if the part of Stringtown Road is part of the County. He has not heard back at this time.

ENCUMBRANCES

Auditor

1000.0002.22000

Office Supplies

\$3,289.92

WEGA – Rod Bannon

Rod said he sent an email to leadership regarding the reorganization of WEGA. He wanted to see if there were any comments. Kelly informed the public that she does not want to see the Attica project end. She would like to see the project carry on and finished out. The Council agreed.

Public Comment

Mr. Rahm wanted to let the council know that there is a steep hill going west out of Rob Roy and would like to see some railings put up if possible. Aaron Fruits will follow up with Jason Lewis.

Carol Owens would like to see a blanket policy for the liability insurance. She asked how much land had been given to WEGA. The council informed her that Attica gave the land to WEGA.

Jeff Fishero attended a tri-county fire meeting. He said Crossroads was there. They were working with Desaree, Solee (operator) and Primoris (builder). He just wanted the council and public to be aware of the names of the other companies.

Kelly Carlson had attended a legislative conference the beginning of February. She brought back material and information for the Council. She informed everyone regarding bills that are currently being sent.

Jeff Fishero also talked about Steam Academy. Rod Bannon said this is based in Lafayette but now in Attica also. This will have roughly 110 seats. Also, Hillsboro has been given \$2,500 to help with plans for sidewalks.

Dudley passed out Valley Oaks Annual Report to members.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
MARCH 03, 2025 FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AND MARCH 10, 2025
AT 9:00 A.M.**

Hand-outs:
Financial Reports

Next:
Ordinance 2025-1
Resolution 2025-2

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Denise Crowder

Vote: 6-0

Kim Johnson
ATTEST

Kelly L. Carlson
James D. Baker
Jeff Fisher
Joel Wray
Denise Crowder