

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2018
8:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

PETITION - VAN BUREN TWP TRUSTEE – KAREN SEIBOLD

She came to the council to seek their approval on her 2019 Budget.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve their budget including the \$2,000 increase in township assistance for 2019. Vote: 6-0

LIBRARY BOARD

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to appoint

Kim Alexander on the Covington-Veedersburg Library Board of Fountain County beginning August 20, 2018. Vote: 7-0

Transfers – E-911

\$29,000 From 1222-0000-10206 Operator
To 1222-0000-14000 Overtime

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the \$29,000 transfer. Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL - Coroner

\$950.01 From 1000-0007-22350 camera supplies
To 1000-0007-22410 medical supplies

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the \$950.01 transfer. Vote: 7-0

Transfers – HIGHWAY

\$20,000 From 1176-0533-44101 Road Equipment
To 1176-0533-33601 Other Repair

Due to high cost of repairs.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the \$20,000 transfer. Vote: 7-0

2019 Budget Hearings

The following departments came to meeting to discuss their budgets and explain their reasoning for the increase or decrease in the 2019 budget year requests.

Bud Peach (Co Hwy), Garth Kagels (Ambulance), Bob Cates (Vet Service Officer), Bill Sanders (Sheriff), Craig Stalter (Commissioners), Brenda Hardy (Commissioners/Auditor), Judge Stephanie Campbell (Circuit Court/Probation), Daniel Askren (Pros Attorney), Kathleen Wesley (E-911), Wanda Taylor (Recorder), Dr. Sean Sharma (Health Dept.), Kathy Walker (Co Drug Free), Colleen Chambers (Treasurer/Solid Waste), Paula Copenhaver (Clerk), Joe Whitaker (EMA) and Sandy Whitaker (Assessor). The Coroner, Purdue Ext and Soil & Water were discussed without representation.

Bud Peach – County Highway

He put in for a new excavator, tandem truck and a paver. The equipment is older and it's getting harder to get parts for them.

He expressed concern about raises for the employees, that if the insurance premiums continue to go up, the raise needs to reflect that. The last few years, the raise has been eaten up by insurance premiums and employees are taking home less now than they did before.

Garth Kagels – Ambulance

He proposed a 2% raise for everyone except the secretary. He proposed a 4% raise for her. He also put in to be able to pay for the Medical Director Dr. Tricoci in the amount of \$2,500 for the year.

To purchase a new Ambulance, the quotes are coming in at \$185,000-\$220,000.

Bob Cates – Veteran Service

He is in need of a new computer, preferably a laptop. Also, his work space is not conducive to the sensitive information that he deals with. His information is supposed to be locked up and have privacy during meeting with veterans. His office is too open and needs to be closed off. He asked if a spot opens up somewhere, he would like to have it.

Bill Sanders – Sheriff

He is requesting for additional 2 deputies and 2 vehicles for the 2019 Budget. With the amount of calls that they receive and with the new jail being built, he feels that justifies the need for more officers.

Judge Stephanie Campbell – Circuit Court

She would like to hire an extra clerical. She feels this will help out with the amount of comp time that is being acquired. They are having a problem using their comp time because they can never get ahead. Since 2016, they have collected fees that will help compensate for the hiring of another person.

Dudley Cruea inquired why the Probation Administrative Assistant is not being paid as the other deputies working in the courthouse. The Judge agreed that she is not being paid enough and would appreciate if the Council would approve for the increase of pay.

Brenda Hardy – Auditor

A program by **Data Pit Stop** would benefit the county by keeping track of Local Income Tax Revenues, Commissioners & Council Minutes, Property Tax information, fixed assets and a lot of other reports that would be beneficial for Annual Reporting on Gateway.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the \$4,000 purchase of the program by Darren Bates from Data Pit Stop.

Vote: 7-0

Kathleen Wesley – E-911

They are asking for 2 more holidays. Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. She is also asking for a 10% raise to be more comparable with the surrounding counties. Once she has a full staff, she would like to send the employees to more training sessions. Right now, it is impossible to send them because there is no one to cover.

Dr. Sharma – Health Department

He would like to switch the Environmentalists to Co- Environmentalists and pay them both the same. One would be for Food and the other Septic. They would like to purchase a new vehicle as well. The one they have now is a 2012 Subaru Forester. It is starting to have problems. The vehicle needs to be large enough to carry coolers of specimen, shots etc.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 7-0

Attest – Brenda Hardy, Auditor

Dudley Cruea, President

James Hershberger

Tom Booe

Dale Clawson

Bill Glover

James McKee

Joe Whittington