

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting:
Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Joe Whittington, Jim McKee, Jim Hershberger, Dale Clawson
and Bill Glover.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

The Council reviewed the Following Monthly Reports:

Monthly Financial Comparison Report
Treasurer's Monthly Report

Report of Collections - as submitted:
Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, Prosecutor, Sheriff

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

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2019 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Constellation – Michael Fahrbach

The county has been buying gas from Constellation since 2014. Since the new jail is modeled after another jail, they will be able to contact them and see what the usage is that they use and project the use for the new jail. There are options for fixing the cost of the gas. It is at an all-time low right now and is a great time to lock in the cost. No decision has been made.

Commissioners - updates

A Jail meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 10am.

The sidewalks are going to have to be redone. They are in the process of getting a quote for all sidewalks around the courthouse, not just one or two sides. And they need to find out the protocol on the planters. If they need to stay and if the new concrete can be poured around them. There are a lot of things that need done around the courthouse. The prosecutor's office needs better air flow. It is cold in the winter and hot in the summer. A new unit might be necessary.

The chimney is still leaking. The boilers were put in the building in 1983. They need new controls. They are around \$12,000 each. They are doing research to see if it's best to get new controls or a new system.

The clerk's office is in need of fans in their office to better heat/cool the office.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Quote for new ambulance truck - \$162,945

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the purchase and pay for it out of Cedit \$100,000, Riverboat \$20,000 & Cum Cap Dev \$42,945. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2019-6

COUNTY GENERAL -AMBULANCE

1000-0301-22410 Medical Supplies \$ 25,000.00

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the total additional appropriation request. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2019-7
COUNTY GENERAL -SHERIFF

1000-0005-10100 Sheriff \$ 994.00

The Sheriff's salary is based on ½ of the Prosecutors Salary but, we didn't have the new July 1, 2019-Dec 2019 figures that needed to be used when the 2019 budget was adopted in Oct 2018. It was short -\$993.25 for the 2019 year.

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the total additional appropriation request. Vote: 7-0

Amend 2019 Salary Ordinance 2018-10

1000-0005-10100 Sheriff \$ 74,575.25

Increased \$993.25 for 2019 - from \$73,582.00 to \$ 74,575.25 per: State of Indiana mandate.

Amend Salary Ordinance

Need to add CASA part time assistant at \$12.00 per hour to the Salary Ordinance.

A motion to amend the salary ordinances for the 2018-10 and CASA part time

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Vote: 7-0

Transfers – HEALTH

\$1,425 From 1159-0000-44445 Automobiles
To 1159-0000-33400 Printing & Advertising

Update signage for trailer and road signs directing people to the health department, as well as office signage on the building.

***This requesting is pending approval for Preparedness Grant being approved to pay instead of Health Fund.**

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by to approve the \$1,425 transfer.

Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL – Ext Office

\$4,000 From 1000-0028-10401 Special Projects Asst.
To 1000-0028-10600 Summer Asst/Part Time

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the \$4,000 transfer.

Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL – Clerk

\$ 2.00 From 1000-0001-33900 Dues & Subscription
To 1000-0001-33750 P O Box Rental

Increase in P O Box rental for 2019.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the \$2.00 transfer.

Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL – Commissioners

\$ 841.00 From 1000-0068-10106 County Attorney
To 1000-0068-33261 Special Legal Fees

Too much money was transferred in March out of the line item Special Legal Fees and not enough out of the 100's for County Attorney that was done for the County Attorney Contract. This will help to pay Irwin & Associates their invoice without being in the negative.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the \$841.00 transfer.

Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL – Circuit Court

\$7,000 From 1000-0232-33260 GAL CASA/Attorney
To 1000-0232-19000 CASA Part Time Assistant

This is to pay the CASA Part Time Assistant through payroll at \$12.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to allow the transfer of \$7,000.

Vote: 7-0

Transfers – PUBLIC SAFETY – Sheriff- Courthouse Safety Officer

\$1,500.00 From 1170-0005-10801 Courthouse Safety Officer
To 1170-0005-33800 Training & Education

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Jim Hershberger to allow the transfer of \$1,500.

Vote: 7-0

COMP-TIME – Circuit Court/Probation employee’s payouts

Request from Judge Campbell to pay out 3 employees in excess of comp-time through Circuit Courts extra clerical budget.
A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the request.
Vote: 7-0

Judge – Upgrading the internet

There is a definite need for the internet to be stronger. The arraignments that are done by video are constantly freezing up and everything takes way longer than it should. They are requesting that the internet is boosted to 100mg for the courthouse and the new jail and go with fibre optic. This would be a 3 month construction process.

There are a few employees that have too much comp time. The Judge is requesting that they are paid out for the extra time. They will use the part time position appropriation line item to pay them out.

EMA - Joe Whitaker

He is requesting funds to build a much needed pole barn. The dimensions would be 60x100x16.
The cheapest quote that he found is \$57,000 and that includes the 2 garage doors on both side and the electrical. The council is for the building.
Also, he has submitted grants for Reader Boards for the highway, a body scanner for the jail and another grant for EMS.

Extension office - Laura Bush

She introduced the new educator - Donnie Gill in the extension office. His title is the Health & Human Service Educator. He started June 3rd.

Valley Oaks Board Members – Appointments

Dudley would like to know if the Council, Commissioners or both appoint board members and how many they each appoint. The Auditor will contact Tom Gilliom, LCSW Chief Executive Officer regarding the representatives to the Board of Directors.

Van Buren TWP – 24 Radios

They need the council’s approval for new radios since 2 of their members are firemen. They would like to purchase new radios. The ones they have now are not compatible to anything anymore.
A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to purchase the 24 radios.
Vote: 7-0

Council Meeting dates for 2020 Budget Process.

JULY 15, 2019	Auditor will hand out budgets for review
AUGUST 14, 2019	BUDGET WORKSHOPS W/DLGF
AUGUST 1, 2019	Publication of Budget on GATEWAY
AUGUST 19, 2019	Budget Hearings – Officeholders present 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019	Adoption of 2020 Budget Ratify Budget for County Units (Council Review of Budgets)

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 15, 2019
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Joe Whittington to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-0

ATTEST

Dudley Cruea

James Hershberger

Tom Booe

Joe Whittington

Jim McKee

Dale Clawson

Bill Glover