

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2020
9:00 A.M.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting as presented. Vote: 4-0

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

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for April 30, 2020 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 6-0

Commissioner Updates:

New Jail updates –		
Construction in progress	\$	9,387,328.23 as of 12-31-2019
January Invoices –	\$	951,562.36
February Invoices –	\$	246,711.98
March Invoices –	\$	229,590.51
April Invoices –	\$	392,982.30
May Invoices –	\$	11,484.66 05-13-2020
		\$11,219,660.04

Interest paid –
1/15/2020 - \$283,496.89
7/15/2019 - \$283,496.89
1/15/2019 - \$354,371.09

Principle payment \$590,000 due July 1, 2020

Completion date – No date was given

Sheriff – Terry Holt

They will be moving items into the new Jail today and will hopefully be moving in prisoners on June 1, 2020.

The parking lot got striped on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

3 Invoices were reviewed by Lori Johnson from DLZ and the County will be getting a refund.

Treasurer – Colleen Chambers

The collections for this year’s taxes are not far off from what the county had collected last year at this time.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

He will be in a webinar from the State letting them know things they are allowed to do and not allowed to do concerning their paperwork for further grants concerning Covid-19. On Friday, the Health Department will be doing their reports and all the paperwork concerning Covid-19. Warren County and Fountain County will be done separately.

Jim Hershberger publicly thanked Rick Beck for his hard work and keeping the Courthouse lawn looking so nice.

COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW

The Council Budget Review form has been discontinued. Counties will no longer be penalized for not completing the review process. The DLGF will be providing each unit with what their Max Growth Levy is to be used for 2021.

The State no longer recommends a binding or non-binding budget review for taxing unit's budgets. Solid Waste is still a binding budget. Changes that have been made from the state and what the Councils responsibility is for the 2021 Budget Process is still the same as 2020.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to not appoint anyone as designee for the 2021 Budget Process. Vote: 7-0

Health Dept. – Jenny Eads

1. Hire 2 part time (no benefits) to do contact tracing – 10-30 hours per week
2. Carry over funds requiring State Health Dept approval.

3. Apply for USDA Matching Grants

4. Request funding through West Central Indiana Community Foundation & Warren County Community Foundation

5. "Support Your Neighbors" Program - \$75,000 - \$100,000 matching grant

***The county does not have to match any of this for this grant (5). They received \$75,000 and are currently seeking other grants and donations.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the hiring of 2 part time people to fill the positions of Contact Tracers and to carry over funds requiring State Health Department approval. (1 & 2) Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the Health Department applying for the grants needed to fund their projects. (3 & 4) Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded Don Hesler to approve the starting of the "Support your Neighbors Program" contingent on the Council approval of funding. The program will over the next 12-18 months provide hygiene products and food to those in the community that are at a higher risk of contracting the Covid-19 Virus.(5) Vote: 7-0

Transfers – COUNTY GENERAL – AUDITOR

\$955 From 1000-0002-43100 Software
 To 1000-0002-33100 Computer Maintenance

Only budgeted \$91,607 for Computer Maintenance:

- \$ 870 Business Information Systems
- \$ 4,000 Data Pit Stop
- \$86,737 LOW – Financial & Property Tax Systems (needed to budget \$87,692)

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the \$955 transfer. Vote: 7-0

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 15, 2020
AT 9:00 A.M.

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

Brenda Hardy
ATTEST

Dudley Cruea
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James Hershberger
James Hershberger
Tom Booe
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Joe Whittington
Joe Whittington
Jim McKee - zoom
Jim McKee
Dale Clawson
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Bill Glover
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