

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
October 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

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

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for August, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, and Sheriff for August, 2021.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections as submitted for August 2021. Vote: 7-0

READI Grant/Greenway Project – Dale White & Stan Lambert

They approached the Council looking for support of the Wabash River Greenway Project in the amount of \$450,000 over the next two years. Mr. Lambert said that we could possibly use ARPA funds for a portion of the project. Commissioner Brenda Hardy will be checking with Jake German of Barnes & Thornburg on the use of ARPA funds. They wanted a commitment from the Council to move forward.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Tom Booe to support the project (Wabash River Greenway Project) and to find funding after the first of the year in the amount of \$450,000 over the next two years.

Vote: 5-2

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

911, EMS & CORONER BUILDING – Kathleen Osborne & Tina Holmes

The Commissioners have not communicated with the Council a dollar amount of the new building in place of the old jail. Kathleen and Tina Holmes have presented it to the Commissioners and emailed the amount. The gas and other items need to be disconnected from the old jail building before any demolition can take place. The Commissioners have not shared with the Council the amount of the bid, that was approved by them, for the demolition of the old jail. There are no funds available for the demolition at this time. An additional will have to be advertised before the Council can act upon it.

MEDICAL HELICOPTER SERVICES – Dale Clawson

He will be asking another company to come and propose their package for the County at the next meeting.

MOWING/SNOW REMOVAL (Custodian)

Dudley voiced his concern over the recent bid for the lawn mowing and snow removal. He stated that Rick does a fine job in keeping the lawn well maintained and we have all of the equipment for it. We have a line item for the snow removal only in the budget for 2022.

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

For years, they have ran an on-call truck. They are so busy now that this is not possible. They run consistently with all trucks. He is working on a revamped schedule which requires 18 people (six for each day). It would be an ABC schedule with a Kelly Day. A Kelly Day means that the employees would receive an extra day off and potentially save on overtime. He requested 4 people in his budget. Since the Council originally stated he was only going to receive 2, the new schedule

would not work and they would be in the same position they are in now. His employees are also being actively pursued from other facilities with very enticing packages for employment.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 10:25 a.m.

Public Comment: Carol Owens inquired about the overtime for the Health Department. As to why they continue to receive overtime. She was informed that the Commissioners have since halted payment of overtime out of the Cares Act money and they required an additional to cover the balance. The fund is in the red. The additional will cover what is in the red and leave a cushion for future expenses. Carol also inquired about the additional request out of Cum Bridge for the Cades Hollow Covered Bridge.

Public Hearing Closed at 10:38 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2021-29

CREDIT (1112)

33400 Printing & Advertising \$750

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$750.00.

Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-31

HEALTH (1159)

10119 COVID-19 OT \$10,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$10,000. Council feels like it should be paid from a grant and not the County Health Fund.

Vote: 0-7

RESOLUTION 2021-32

COUNTY GENERAL MAINTENANCE II

33250 Consulting Fees \$70,000

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$70,000 for Roger Azar/Deckard Engineering for the removal of the fuel tanks at the Highway garage.

Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-33

COUNTY GENERAL MAINTENANCE II

33601 Other Repairs & Maint \$20,000

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional in the amount of \$20,000 to pay Bell Excavating for the work done at the landfill (balance was paid from the landfill budget).

Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-34

COUNTY GENERAL MAINTENANCE II

44901 Capital Outlay \$8,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional in the amount of \$8,000 for the Air Conditioning in the IT Server Room.

Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-35

COUNTY GENERAL – EMA

22022 Emergency Fund \$2,892

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the amount of \$2,892 for the rental of two generators for the Luke Bryan Concert. The amount will be repaid by the Concert promoters.
Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-36
COUNTY GENERAL – JAIL

14000	Overtime	\$7,500
22080	Prisoner Meal	\$45,000

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$52,500 for the Jail.
Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-37
LIT – Public Safety

14000	Overtime	\$7,500
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A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the total amount of \$7,500 for Sheriff/Overtime.
Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2021-38
Cumulative Bridge

44800	Covered Bridge Repairs	\$200,000
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RESOLUTION 2021-39
County General - Jail

0380-33302	Medical	\$25,000
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A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the amount of \$25,000 for Medical at the jail.
Vote: 7-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

County General – Veteran Service

From:	1000-0012-33800 Training & Educ	\$223.98
To:	1000-0012-33930 Flags	\$97.20
	1000-0012-22000 Office Supplies	\$126.78

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the request to transfer in the total amount of \$223.98.
Vote: 7-0

County General – Jail

From:	1000-0380-16000	Vac & Sick	
To:	1000-0380-15000	Holiday Pay	\$1,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the request to transfer in the amount of \$1,000.
Vote: 7-0

County General – Radio Dispatch

From:	1000-0303-333000	Travel/Mileage	\$540
To:	1000-0303-33130	Contractual Svcs	\$500
To:	1000-0303-33105	IDACS	\$40

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request to transfer in the amount of \$540.00.
Vote: 7-0

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT

From:	1175-0380-22020	Operating Supplies
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To: 1175-0380-44101 Equipment \$19.74

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the request to transfer in the amount of \$19.74.

Vote: 7-0

HEALTH

From: 1159-0000-12000 Group Health
To: 1159-0000-22000 Office Supplies \$1,000

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the request to transfer in the amount of \$1,000.

Vote: 7-0

CARRYOVER – HEALTH DEPT

Approved by the State on Sept 9, 2021

A request to move \$6,815.50 from Carryover to Health Insurance (12000) in the Local Health Department Trust Account. This is due to a new hire into an existing position. The new hire will require health insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the Carryover request.

Vote: 7-0

SALARY ORDINANCE 2020-10 AMENDMENT

The health department has hired a volunteer coordinator to be paid out of Fund 9780 – COVID Testing Grant. This position and pay needs to be added to the salary ordinance for 2021.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to amend the 2020-10 Salary Ordinance to reflect the above change.

Vote: 7-0

BUDGET ADOPTION

Council President went over the budget items and numbers.

Ambulance

The Council decided to add 2 employees that were requested, making a total of 4 new employees for the 2022 Budget.

Sheriff

The Council also decided to add one more deputy for a total of two new deputies to the 2022 Budget.

Commissioners

Brenda Hardy expressed her concern over some of the things that were cut from their budget such as Capital Outlays.

Judge - Stephanie Campbell

The Council did not grant the pay increase that she requested. She was very unhappy with the discussion and spoke up about her feelings on the matter. Stating that every department in the courthouse should not be paid the same. She believes there should be a salary study done and that all employees should receive longevity.

2022 BUDGET ADOPTION – Fountain County Ordinance 2021-14

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to adopt the County General 2022 Budget as presented.

Vote: 7-0

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to adopt the 2022 Budgets for County Highway, Cum Bridge and Local Roads & Streets.

Vote: 7-0

James Aulbey