

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2021
9:00 A.M.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for Dec. 31, 2020 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 6-0

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to appoint Dudley Cruea as President of the Fountain County Council for 2021. Vote: 5-0

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Jim Hershberger as Vice-President of the Fountain County Council for 2021. Vote: 5-0

ABC APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Bill Glover to appoint Bill Williams to the Alcohol & Beverage Commission for 2021. Jim Hershberger seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

A motion was made by Tom Booe to appoint Dale Clawson to the Fountain County Solid Waste Management Board for 2021. Bill Glover seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint Jim McKee to the Emergency Management Advisory Council for 2021. Vote: 6-0

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint the following to the Insurance Committee for 2021.

Brenda Hardy Commissioner	Tom Booe Council Member	
Colleen Chambers Auditor	Kim Clemence Deputy Auditor Payroll/HR	Vote: 6-0

APPOINTMENTS

Trustees Fountain County Employee Benefit Trust

The council will appoint a member along with the auditor and the payroll clerk. A motion was made by Jim Hershberger to appoint Tom Booe as trustee and motion was seconded by Bill Glover. Vote: 6-0

Planning Commission (Council Member)

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint Dale Clawson to the Planning Commission. Vote: 6-0

Rodney Norman – Board of Zoning Appeals

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to appoint Rodney Norman to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Vote: 6-0

2020 Fountain County Financial Report – Auditor submitted 1/4/2021

It has been sent to Fountain County Neighbor for publication.

Commissioners Update

RQAW plans have not been finalized for the construction of the new Commissioner’s Room in the Community Room. \$13,000 will be needed to finish the agreement with RQAW to finish the drawings. They have received a couple of proposals on the remodel. The total put into the project so far will be \$35,000 for the drawings of the remodel. The heating and cooling system needs attention. A decision on which way to go will be made before the final decision is made on the remodel of the community room.

Tom Booe was concerned that a lot of the Council had not seen anything about the remodel and feel they should have been included in the initial discussion. He would like to see a paper trail of whatever else is left on the project.

Human Resources/Payroll absolutely need a private space because of sensitive information and HIPPA regulations. The Veteran Service Officer also needs a private office. He as well deals with private information.

They decided there needs to be a joint meeting with the Council, Commissioners, Rick Beck, Bob Cates, Scott Williams and anyone else that has knowledge of the heating/cooling system in the Courthouse. Tentative Date for the joint meeting is February 1, 2021.

CARES ACT ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the Cares Act Adjustment transferring funds to County General. Vote: 6-0

Department Heads

Sheriff - Terry Holt

As of now, they are housing 58 inmates. Many of which are from Sullivan County. They are \$29,000 in the black with money coming in from other counties.

The wiring was bad in the dishwasher and they had to contact the owner of Glesko. Also, someone is coming out to look at the generator. It is still not communicating properly.

County Highway – Rusty Peevler

Since they had \$800,000 cut from their budget from the State, they will be needing an additional appropriation to cover leases that they had agreed to prior to the cut in the budget.

They need to have a good Grader program to properly grade the road without losing so much gravel. He is working on making this happen in the near future.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Numbers from 2020 runs will be available by the next meeting. They had a record year. Collections are not where they should be due to COVID and short staffing. They are working on catching up. The change in moving Jeff Hutchinson to his assistant has helped tremendously.

Landfill – Greg Robison

5 reader boards were purchased with Grant money related to COVID funds. They should be here by Friday.

IT Contract

The increase in the contract is due to over 10 computers being added between October – December. Brad Keller watches over all of them along with the printers, cameras etc. Brad Keller was present to answer questions about the contract. Keller works with the County and covers more than just what is on the contract. Remote Management, at

Warren County Commissioners

They are considering dropping Fountain County as apart of the Health Department. They are unhappy with the way billing has been handled. Warren County assures Fountain County Commissioners that they will be paying their portion that they owe so far. They are thinking of going to Benton County. The next Health Department Board meeting is January 21, 2021 at 5pm. The Commissioners will be contacting them to get more information.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 8, 2021
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 6-0

Cecilia Chambers
ATTEST

James L. Haulby
James W. Booe
Kelly L. Carlson
Bill Glover