

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 10, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 as presented. Vote: 7-0

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

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

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Prosecutor, Recorder, and Sheriff for March, 2021.

PERFORMANCE MECHANICAL – Scott Williams

Scott gave his opinion on the Heating/Cooling system in the Courthouse. The boilers that the Courthouse has are 2 cast iron steam boilers. They are approximately 30 years old. The south boiler has a leak in a gasket and the controls need to be repaired. They are in great shape for the age of them and in his opinion, the best option for heat in the courthouse. If he or whoever were to rebuild the boilers, it would add another 30-50 years onto them. For an idea on cost, \$150,000-\$200,000. That price includes the Chimney being cut down to 2-3 feet tall. This would help with the condensation issue and having a liner put in the chimney as well, which is a pipe that would run down the center of the chimney down to the basement. As far as the Air Conditioning system, there are ten 5-ton split systems that are around 25-30 years old. They need to be replaced. He verbally gave a proposal, not to be held to, given prices of parts/materials keep going up, to be around \$550,000 - \$850,000 to revamp what the Courthouse has now. This estimate includes air, rebuilt boilers, chimney issues, integrating new controls and dehumidifiers. He doesn't think the new systems will last in an old building like this one. The boiler system is better for maintaining building temperature throughout a block building. No matter what they decide, he recommends NOT removing the boilers, in case they need to be used in the future.

ASSESSOR – Sandy Whitaker

She will not be running again and will be retiring at the end of next year. She wants to make sure that the office is running properly before she retires. Sue Whitaker will also be making a decision on retiring, which would leave another position available as well. She is requesting to move a full-time employee to part time and hire a new full-time person. Also increase the part-time wage to \$14 per hour.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to amend the Salary Ordinance to reflect an increase for part time employees in the Assessor's office to \$14.00. (It was previously \$9.00) **Vote: 7-0**

TRANSFER REQUEST

A request to transfer \$500.00 from 1112-0068-33080 (Website) to 1112-0068-33920 (Economic Development Dues) to cover the invoice from the Greater Lafayette Commerce (Indiana Technology Corridor 2021) in the amount of \$2,000.00

A motion was made by Jim McKee to approve the above request. Jim Hershberger seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

APPOINTMENT – COVINGTON VEEDERSBURG LIBRARY BOARD

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Deanetta Jordan to the Covington/Veedersburg Library Board from May 10, 2021 to April 1, 2022. She will fill the unexpired term of Stephanie Lober.

CORRECTION TO APPOINTMENT – COVINGTON VEEDERSBURG LIBRARY BOARD

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Yessenia Girdler to the Covington/Veedersburg Library Board from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. This was done to correct the date on the original appointment.

SURTAX/WHEEL TAX – Any changes to the current Ordinance must be completed and submitted to the BMV on or before September 1, 2021 to be effective on January 1, 2022.

Department Heads

Rusty Peevler – County Highway

The equipment that they need should be ordered as soon as possible if the request is granted. Trucks they ordered last October, won't be in until this October. Parts are unavailable and hard to get from overseas. He is requesting 4 items:

Pneumatic Tire Roller	\$140,000
Double Drum Roller with Vibratory	\$125, 450
Single Pad Foot Vibratory	\$142,000
(2) Hotboxes 4 ton @ \$41,170.00	\$82,340
Total	\$489,850.00

The request has been taken under advisement by the Council. The request has to go before the Commissioners before a decision is made.

He requested that the proceeds from the County Auction amounting to \$18,500 be applied to the total of equipment requested.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the proceeds of \$18,500 go towards the needed equipment.

Joe Whitaker – EMA

Cybersecurity Emergency Response Plan was handed out to all of the Council members. It will be updated every year.

There will be a LEPC meeting on Thursday at noon. There is also a Board Meeting at 4 p.m. that the Council and Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Garth Kagels – Ambulance

The runs are up daily and the need for another ambulance is higher. With having another ambulance, they would need to hire 2-4 more people. They would need 4 people in order to do the scheduling that he would like. Having

a 4th truck fully staffed would allow to take more runs and the County would have someone more readily available. Two (2) of his Full-time employees have quit. Those positions have been filled by part time people, which leaves room for 2 more Part Time employees.

Terry Holt- Sheriff

They will be asking for an additional appropriation at the next Commission meeting in the amount of \$5,000 for overtime. They are short Jailers and other employees have had to work those hours. Currently, they have 69 in the Jail. 18 are Out of County. In July or August, they should be receiving 30 more from Vermillion County, IN.

Heating / Cooling System

Commissioners are waiting for the proposals to come in or before July 6, 2021 as laid out as advertised.

Town of Veedersburg has a Redevelopment Commission meeting on June 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 14, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

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

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ATTEST

Dudley Cline
Tom D. Booe

Bill Glover

Kelly L. Carlson

Dale Clawson

James Miller

James L. Hulbert