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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Kelly Carlson, Bill Glover, Jim McKee, and Dale Clawson. Jim Hershberger was absent.
The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting: Brenda Hardy and Andrew Hall. Tim Shumaker was absent.

*******COMMISSIONERS*******

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT FUND – Financial Commitment Letter. The Commissioners will be applying for this grant. There will be a county match of \$330,250.02 and \$1,000,000 from the Grant.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the application/letter for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund. **Vote: 6-0**

COOLING SYSTEM - Courtroom

The courtroom's air conditioning units went out and the Commissioners have declared it an emergency. Two bids were received for the replacement and/or repair. Bids were received from BT Reynolds (\$14,970.00) and Performance Mechanical - Scott Williams (\$20,879.00).

BT Reynolds came in as the lowest bid in the amount of \$14,970.00.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the bid from BT Reynolds in the amount of \$14,970.00. **Vote: 2-0**

FARMER'S MARKET

Permission was requested to use the south side of the Courthouse lawn for the Farmer's Market on July 23, 2021 during the Mural dedication and the East side of the Courthouse lawn indefinitely.

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the use of the grounds for the Farmer's Market. **Vote: 2-0**

OLD JAIL

Dudley Cruea asked what the Commissioners intentions were with the old Jail, that it had been said that the land was going to be given to the City of Covington. Andrew Hall responded that it was briefly discussed with Brad Crain and that Brad would like to go see the condition of the building and talk with his Council. The City of Covington would like to build a new Fire Station. The Fire Station could possibly have specs included for a 911 center.

Members of the Council do not agree with giving the property to City of Covington. The County Attorney is looking into the Statute to see the process for selling/giving away County property.

Joint meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. and the Council resumed their regular meeting.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 as presented. Vote: 6-0

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 June, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

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

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections as submitted for May 2021. Vote: 6-0

Commissary Report – June 2021- TABLED \$88,506.90**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS****Public Hearing – Additional Appropriations**

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m.

Public Comment: NONE

The hearing closed at 9:31a.m.

Resolution 2021-21**County General – Ambulance**

1000-0301-16000	Vacation & Sick	\$40,000
1000-0301-22410	Medical Supplies	\$30,000

The reason for this additional appropriation is there is an influx of runs, which calls for more billing and office help. A lot of the staff did not have the opportunity to take vacation last year during the pandemic, so they are taking their time now and they are short staffed. There is also someone on FMLA and 3 people out with family emergencies.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$70,000.

Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2021-22**MVH – General & Undistributed**

1176-0533-44101	Equipment	\$18,500
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This is the net amount that was made from the County Auction. They are requesting that it be put back into the appropriation.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$18,500.

Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2021-23**E-911 Statewide Fund**

1222-0000-14000	Overtime	\$30,000
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The request is being made due to being short staffed and the regular operators have to fill in.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 for Statewide 911 Fund.

Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2021-24

CEDIT FUND

1112-0068-33920 Economic Development \$1,300

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$ 1,300 to cover the additional costs.

Vote: 6-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

COUNTY GENERAL – JAIL

From: Laundry 1000-0380-22090
To: Kitchen 1000-0380-22081 \$3,000

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$3,000 due to housing more prisoners.

Vote: 6-0

HEALTH - TABLED

From: Printing & Advertising 1159-0000-33400
To: Housekeeping/Maint. & Repair 1159-0000-33603 \$3,000

CEDIT

From: Computer Hardware 1112-0068-44100
To: Website 1112-0068-33080 \$11,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$11,000 for a new website.

Vote: 6-0

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.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to keep the rates the same as last year.

Vote: 6-0

Resolution to transfer 15% of Budget to Rainy Day Fund before January 1, 2025. The County Attorney will prepare the resolution for the next Council meeting.

Ambulance

Kelly Carlson asked if Garth Kagels had a breakdown for the number of runs made to the Badlands. The Badlands are getting bigger and the question arose that there should be an ordinance in place perhaps that pays the County for extra EMS and Police presence.

On July 22nd, 2021, there is a meeting about Reimbursement for Services for Big Events.

Landfill – Greg Robison

IDEM is satisfied with the vegetation and water levels. They will be moving onto the next phase of filling in the ponds.

Andrew Krout – Sheriff

Currently, there are 80 inmates, 39 are out of county. The Jail holds a max of 112, but only 100 in General.

Air Conditioners

Tom Booe is concerned that more than the courtroom air conditioners need to be replaced due to age.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to get quotes to replace all of the air conditioners at once or one or two at a time.

Vote: 6-0

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

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 9, 2021
AT 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
BUDGET HEARINGS**

**THE NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING
WILL BE JULY 19, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Commissioners

Colleen Chambers
Attest

Brenda Hardy
Her

Council

Caren Chambers
ATTEST

Dorley Cuen
John W. Dose
James D. Ecker
Dale Clawson
Brian Glover
Kelly L. Carlson