

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 14th, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting as presented.

Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for February 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 6-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for January 2022.

Vote: 6-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Health Dept. (Jan 22), Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff’s Dept (Feb 22).

Vote: 6-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 9:31 a.m.

Public Comment: Carol Owens inquired on why the consulting fees cost so much and who it was being paid to. Discussion was heard. Roger Azar of Deckard Engineering Services has done work for several different departments and has depleted the amount budgeted for 2022.

Public Hearing Closed at 9:54 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2022-8

CEDIT – COMMISSIONERS

Consulting Fees	1112-0068-33250	\$35,000
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A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$35,000.

Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2022-9

Co General – Plan Commission

Consulting Fees	1000-0079-33250	\$20,000
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A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$20,000.

Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2022-10

Co General - Commissioners

Longevity	1000-0068-10117	\$85,000
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A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: 6-0

270

RESOLUTION 2022-11 – Removed from Additional Requests

Co General – Ambulance
Equipment

1000-0301-33650

\$7,875

It was decided to pay for the Equipment (replacement steps for ambulances) out of the Capital Outlays in County General – Council (1000-0061-44901).

RESOLUTION 2022-12

MVH – Maintenance & Repair
Lease Rental 5

1176-0531-33962

\$56,298

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to deny the additional request in the amount of \$56,298 and pay this invoice out of MVH Restricted – Road Preservation. Vote: 6-0

RESOLUTION 2022-13

ARPA Coronavirus Local Recovery Fund

8950-0000-44101 Equipment

\$500,000

8950-0000-44901 Capital Outlay

\$1,000,000

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the amount of \$1,500,000 and to move forward with the project request for the Town of Hillsboro. Vote: 6-0

TRANSFER REQUEST - Sheriff

From: 1000-0005-33000

Postage

To: 1170-0005-33400

Printing & Advertising

\$500.00

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$500. Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2022-14

Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriation to the Rainy-Day Fund

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve Resolution 2022-14 to transfer up to 15% from the General Fund to the Rainy-Day Fund from 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 budgets. Vote: 6-0

Resolution 2022-15

Resolution Establishing the Policy by which Members of the Fountain County Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve Resolution 2022-15 Establishing the Policy by which Members of the Fountain County Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication. Vote: 6-0

WHIN –Contribution from Fountain County for their investment in our County

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to deny the request until they can prove that there is a real benefit to the County. Vote: 6-0

COUNTY FARM – Sale of the entire Farm or a portion thereof

The Treasurer contacted Old National Bank. ONB reported that the County is averaging about 2% for 4 CD's and 1 Bond. The current rate as of 2/14/22 is .7% for 12 months and 1.25% for 2 years. The monthly yield of TrustIN is .0932%.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim McKee to **NOT** sell the remaining acres of the County Farm. Vote: 6-0

RETIREMENT FOR SOME PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Employees that work at least 1000 hours within a year are entitled to put money in for retirement. With that being said, the Council has decided that the custodians that fall under that are also entitled to Longevity Pay.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve Custodians working at least 1000 hours a year should receive longevity pay.

Vote: 6-0

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER PAY

Robin Hegg has left the County, so Lindsey Winger has been promoted to Chief Probation Officer and is entitled by statute to get a \$5,000 raise. The salary ordinance will need to be amended. The additional \$5,000 will be prorated over the remaining pays in 2022.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to amend the Salary Ordinance to reflect her current salary and the additional \$5,000 in a total amount of \$55,965.00.

Vote: 6-0

Department Head Reports

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Last year, a stair chair and cot were ordered but were not received until the end of the year. Funds were not encumbered. They do not have enough in their budget to pay for them. The Council decided to pay for the 2 items out of Capital Outlay. The Cot was \$17,461.17 and the stair chair was \$3,000.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve paying for the cot and stair chair totaling \$20,461.17 out of Capital Outlay (1000-0061-44901).

Vote: 6-0

Highway – Rusty Peevler

He strongly suggests that Resolution 2022-12 be denied. There is money that can be used out of the MVH Restricted fund. The Highway Department is in need of 2 single axle dump trucks and a total patcher. The Council would like for one dump truck to be paid out of MVH; the other truck out of Local Road and Street and the total patcher to be paid out of MVH Restricted.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

There are 70 inmates currently and 6 more coming today from Sullivan County. QCC – Quality Correctional Care (Q360 Program) - They are coming in 2 days a week to the classroom at the Jail.

They also demonstrated how the new body cameras worked and how they looked on their uniforms.

TREASURER – Susan Coffing

Pershing Investments Representative receives 2% in fees. Pershing would like for us to invest at least 5 million. Susan would like to balance and end relations with Pershing Investments. The amount to balance and payout is \$1,570.08.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to balance the cash book and leave Pershing Investments.

Vote: 6-0

Rick Beck – Building Maintenance

He inquired on whether or not he was to mow or was it going to be contracted out. According to the Commissioners, mowing was included in the contract with Smarts Landscaping for mowing and snow removal. The Council does not agree that the mowing should be included. They have invested in the resources to have Rick do the mowing and upkeep of the grounds so it is their recommendation that Rick take care of the grounds. More discussion will be had at the Commissioner's meeting.

OTHER ATTENDEES: A representative from Jim Baird's office and Senator Braun's office were present at the meeting along with Christian Bever, candidate for Indiana Senate.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 11, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Kelly Carlson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6-0

Cecilia Chambers
ATTEST

Dwight Cline
Bill Glover
Kelly L. Carlson
James S. Miller

