

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
August 8th, 2022
8:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 5-0

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 July 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for May & June, 2022

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for May and June 2022. Vote: 7-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Ambulance, Clerk and Health Dept. (May 22), Clerk, Health, Recorder and Sheriff's Dept (June 22) and Sheriff (July 22). Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS:
Hearing Open: 8:07 a.m.
Public Comment: none
Hearing Closed: 8:08 a.m.

**RESOLUTION 2022-24
LIT Public Safety – Sheriff**

1170-0005-22030	Tires, Gas, Oil & Lube	\$60,000
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The constant increase in gas prices has caused a shortage in this appropriation. We have taken figures from January to mid-June of this year to try to come up with a realistic amount that will carry us through the end of 2022.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional request in the amount of \$60,000. Vote: 7-0

**RESOLUTION 2022-25
County General - Ambulance**

1000-0301-22501	Gas & Oil	\$50,000
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A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional request in the amount of \$50,000. Vote: 7-0

**RESOLUTION 2022-26
MVH**

1176-0533-22501	Gas & Oil	\$100,000
1176-0533-33601	Other Repairs & Maint	\$ 85,000

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional request in the amount of \$185,000. Vote: 7-0

RESOLUTION 2022-27

MVH – Restricted

1176-0000-22501	Gas & Oil	\$50,000
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A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$50,000. Vote: 7-0

TRANSFERS:

County General – Assessor

From: 1000-0008-33130 Contractual Svcs

To: 1000-0008-33810 Seminars	\$300.00
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A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$300.00 Vote: 7-0

SURTAX/WHEEL TAX

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Jim McKee to approve leaving the surtax/wheel tax the same as last year. Vote: 7-0

CIRCUIT BREAKER – Review & Recommendation to taxing units

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to accept the current circuit breaker report from the DLGF with no recommendations to the taxing units for 2023. Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Clerk – Full time Voter Registration Deputy

She feels that having a full-time voter registration position in the office would be beneficial and easier to keep someone on staff rather than odd part time hours. There is more to voting now, and they need someone to be knowledgeable about every aspect. She has enough money in her budget to pay the person \$15.00 per hour until the end of the year.

EMA – Request of \$10,000 for Tornado Siren Repairs

Someone is coming to look at the sirens in the southern part of the county. They are not working properly. He is unsure of the cost, but they are in need of repairs.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the request for \$10,000 for Tornado Siren Repairs to be paid from Capital Outlay – Council (1000-0061-44901). Vote: 7-0

Highway – Additional for Warranty Agreement on Equipment

There is going to be an additional \$98,000 for warranty renewals on current equipment. This will take care of the next 2 years. We need to pay least \$71,000 up front. Chuck Skelley gave a breakdown of all of the costs at the Commissioner meeting. They also sold the Pad Foot Roller for \$131,000. They no longer need it since they stopped the grader program. The Council would like to take funds out of MVH and MVH restricted to cover the cost of the warranties or use local roads and streets.

2023 BUDGETS HEARINGS:

The following departments were represented at the budget hearings. County Highway, Circuit Court, Fountain County Health Department, Commissioners, Sheriff, 911, Treasurer, Prosecutor, Landfill, EMA, Assessor, Extension office, Ambulance, Recorder, Clerk, Vet Service office, Auditor, Plan Commission, Solid Waste and Soil & Water. The Council reviewed their requests for 2023.

In Other Business:

Cades Mill Bridge- Carol Freese, Kim Barnes, Jim Hegg & Henry Schmidt

They gave the council an update on how the funding was going for the Cades Mill Bridge and to see if there were any available county funds.

A couple years ago, the council set a tax in the amount of .005 specifically for Covered Bridges. This will accrue yearly in the amount of \$42,000. Those funds can be used for repairs/maintenance to the covered bridges. Projects over the amount of \$150,000 need to be bid out. A call was going to be made to the County Attorney to confirm this because there has been some misunderstanding between the County and the Historical Committee.

Dale White – READI Grant/Western Community Foundation

The Wabash River Greenway Project update. In previous meetings, the commissioners have agreed to supporting the project and drew up a resolution. The Council had agreed to find funding by the beginning of 2022 in the amount of \$450,000 to be paid out over a course of 2 years. He requested a letter of intent from the Council and a resolution be drawn up in support of the project. The economic development committee truly believes that this will be growth to the community by doing this project. At this time, the Council believes that it is a worthy project, but does not want to fund it. If they come up with 100% of the funding. They will support the project being done.

Miscellaneous Business:

Chair Lift Invoice \$1,198 from Kone. The chair lift is not working properly. They believe it is an electrical issue.

The Commissioners and Auditor want to keep Beacon. The Assessor went ahead and signed with a different company (XSOF). To pay for keeping Beacon, it needs to be put into the Commissioner budget.

Dr Sharma is trying to get everything separated for the new Health Departments. He recently purchased a refrigerator for vaccines. He would like to purchase another one using grant funds so each county will have their own once they split. They are in favor of that.

Enterprise invoice Credit in the amount of \$165,476.93 is for the trade ins. The Council and Highway department would like a better explanation as to what the breakdown is for everything.

BUDGET ADOPTION – Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 7-0

Louise Chambers
ATTEST

Darley Cline
Bill Glover
Kelly Carlson
Dale Hanson
James S. McKee
James L. Hershberg