

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
September 9, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Dale White, Kelly Carlson, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee and Jeff Fishero.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale White to approve the minutes of the August 14th meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the August 20th meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale White to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, and Sheriff for August. Vote: 7-0

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

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for August 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 7-0

Stryker Sales – Zac Jordan

A presentation was given by Zac Jordan and Chris Van Aken (via Zoom) of Stryker Assessment Management Program. They presented two programs. The ALS 360 came in at \$245,092 per year. It is a 10-year lease program. All equipment would be replaced at the 5-year mark. The County can determine at the end of 5 years if they want to continue with the lease. The lease does come with a maintenance program at no additional cost. The EMS Plus program is \$200,800 per year for 7 years. They will do a visual refresh between the 3rd & 4th year of the lease. The equipment will be ours at the end of the lease. Zac Jordan will provide a copy of the presentation to Garth and he will pass it onto the Council.

Additional Appropriations

Hearing Opened at 9:26 a.m.

Public Comment:

Carol Owens asked about the Social Security, Overtime, Covered Bridge and lease rental amounts being requested. It was reported that the social security was short due to the pay raises given earlier in the year. The overtime at EMS is being looked at to see if there are other options. The lease rental was short as only one grader was budgeted for in 2024.

Hearing Closed at 9:32 a.m.

Resolution 2024-13

Non-Reverting E-911 Dispatch

1223-0000-43100	Computer Maintenance	\$18,249.97
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1223-0000-10600	Part time	\$7,000.00
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A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the above additional in the amount of \$25,249.97.

Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2024-14
County General
Commissioners

1000-0068-10000	Social Security	\$50,000
1000-0068-12000	Health Insurance	\$200,000

Ambulance

1000-0301-14000	Overtime	\$200,000
1000-0301-22501	Gas & Oil	\$15,000
1000-0301-22410	Medical Supplies	\$20,000

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Dale White to approve the above additional in the amount of \$485,000.

Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2024-15
Cumulative Bridge

1135-0000-44800	Covered Bridge Repairs	\$50,000
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A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the above additional in the amount of \$50,000.

Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2024-16
MVH

1176-0531-39600	Lease Rental #3	\$54,464
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A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the above additional in the amount of \$54,464.

Vote: 7-0

TRANSFERS

Cum Bridge

From: 1135-0000-22340	Lumber	\$5,000
From: 1135-0000-22351	Steel	\$5,000
From: 1135-0000-22390	Concrete	\$5,000
To: 1135-0000-22360	Signs	\$15,000

Local Roads & Street

From: 1169-0000-33130	Contractual Svcs.	
To: 9127-0000-53000	CCMG 2023-1	\$31,544.20

From: 1173-0000-22420	Bituminous	
To: 9127-0000-53000	CCMG 2023-1	\$44,538.00

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the above transfers.

Vote: 7-0

BT Reynolds -- Invoices

The Commissioners approved two quotes from BT Reynolds: 1) for a 3 head mini split system for the Jury room, Small Claims and IT Room - \$16,997; 2) to fabricate & install a chimney extension, an extension liner and 10" chimney cleat - \$13,570.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to pay the above invoices from the County Council's budget -- Building Repairs.

Vote: 7-0

TK Elevator – Repair Work Order

A work order for the repair for the elevator doors in the amount of \$19,772.53. One half is due with the signed work order and remaining due after completion of the work. Auditor is requesting permission to pay from the Council's budget, if approved by the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Dale White to approve the work order upon approval of the Commissioners. Vote: 7-0

Highway – Jason Lewis

He has an authorization to proceed agreement with USI in the amount of \$20,000 to assist the County in the development and project assistance for the 2025-1 CCMG grant. The Commissioners approved it at their last meeting contingent upon Council approval.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the agreement. This agreement is to be paid from the Council's budget-Capital Outlay if there are no funds in the Highway's budget. Vote: 7-0

The Auditor asked for clarification on the salary increases in the form of longevity to the County Highway Department laborers. The council confirmed that they were only to receive the raise and years of service pay this year. No longevity would be given in 2024. This was confirmed by the video of that meeting also.

Continuation of Budget Hearings

The Council met with the following departments and went over their budget requests for 2025: Commissioners; Sheriff/Jail; Public Defender; Circuit Court; Probation; Prosecutor, Clerk, Auditor and Solid Waste Management.

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to give the Auditor a stipend in the amount of \$1,250 as per HEA 1328 for 2024. The money will be transferred from Council's budget – Capital Outlay to Auditor Stipend (14851). Vote: 6-0

(Tom Booe left meeting at 12:20 p.m.)

Dudley Cruea called a recess to the budget hearing until Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
AND BUDGET ADOPTION
WILL BE A
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024
AT 9:00 A.M.**

ATTEST:

Cournee Crowder

Dudley Cruea
Tom Booe
Dale H. White
Kelly L. Carlson
Denise Crowder
James D. Coker
Jeff Leathers