

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
May 12, 2025
9:00 a.m.

The following Council members were present: Jim McKee, Denise Crowder, Todd Hegg, Jeff Fishero, Kelly Carlson, Dudley Cruea and Jeff Carver.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on April 14, 2025 and the joint Commissioner’s Council Meeting on April 21, 2025.

Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Todd Hegg to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk’s Office and Sheriff for April 2025.

Vote: 6-0

TRANSFERS

Treasurer - \$1,254.55

From:	1000-33000-0003	Postage	
To:	1000-33110-0003	Tax Outsource	\$750.00
From:	1000-44901-0003	Capital Outlay	
To:	1000-33110-0003	Tax Outsource	\$500.00
From:	1000-22000-0003	Supplies	
To:	1000-33110-0003	Tax Outsource	\$4.55

911 Dispatch – \$65.00

From:	1000-33300-0303	Travel/Mileage	
To:	1000-33160-0303	Contractual Services	\$65.00

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the transfers.

Vote: 6-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance- Garth Kagels

Garth stated that collections are ahead of last year. Runs about the same maybe a little less. He said there was a Full Time/Overtime concern. He has paid out less than expected in OT. Also, straight OT coming out of regular pay so might have to transfer. As of now, part time has paid out over half that was requested averaging \$5,300-\$5,500 per pay. He may need additional for part time by August.

The truck will probably not be ready until August for remount. If we order new one, it will be at least two years. He has been talking to company that does rebuilds that could possibly do truck like current ones. Also, he possibly figured out problem with def system.

EMA – Tina Holmes

Tina said the sirens are not our responsibility to take care of. She did find a lease that ended in 2022. She is helping them set up people to fix them (Cates, Kingman & Lake). She has removed some people from the BAM weather app. The highway still uses it also. She got water at EMA building & trailer parked there.

Highway – Jason Lewis

Jason Lewis didn't have much. Kelly asked about community crossings grant. There are some changes that might hinder projects they are working on. There are 2 callouts for Community Crossings. Jason said he applied for one to get the full amount. Jason discussing with INDOT. They are almost done with schoolhouse road then move to 800 S.

Health Dept – Jenny Eads

Jenny Eads asked for an update on the building. Ethan is working on contract per Aaron Fruits. The new HFI budget will be \$100,000 down from \$300,000 and will submit budget June 1st effective for 2026. They did expect this to happen, so won't need to eliminate any staff or projects, but will have to look at things moving forward.

Jim McKee asked if there was a status on Dolphin Solar. Roger Azar stated have not submitted anything for construction. Jim did not think they had met the requirements. He stated they had 60 days to submit. Roger would like an attorney to review.

ADA Compliant

Tina Holmes said the EMA office has always handled the ADA compliancy. She said they do the paperwork and answer questions. She currently receives \$2,000 per year. Taxes had not previously been taken out. It is now going through payroll and taxes will be taken. She would like to up it to \$2,500 to cover the taxes. It will have to go through payroll and a salary ordinance amendment will have to be voted on. Dudley stated that other boards do not get the full amount. Tina stated she has never received a 1099. She stated she should receive the same amount as she has the last 8 years. She does take additional training to be certified.

Jessica Anderson – BZA

Kelly Carlson had already discussed with Jessica and she is good with the BZA budget.

Baker Tilly – Jason Semler

Jason discussed the Senate Bill 1. He discussed how the bill will affect the county. He also discussed the LIT special purpose rate. The County will be able to take a one-time withdrawal. This would help with the EMS budget for at least a couple years.

Public Comment

Larry Schrock wanted to know if the new bill meant less property taxes and more income taxes. Mr. Semler said this would be case by case. Jeff Fishero wanted to know since schools were not included in LIT will this have any effect on them. Jason stated yes, but he could help budget for this change.

Dudley stated that 911 Overtime did not have enough budgeted. They would need roughly \$4,500.00 per month. They also discussed the floater position.

Dana did state that she had someone who was willing to start this position right away.

They are currently waiting on a second appraisal for the Annex Building.

Also, they are looking into a structural engineer to evaluate the extension office's ceiling.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT
May 19, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

Hand-outs:
Financial Reports

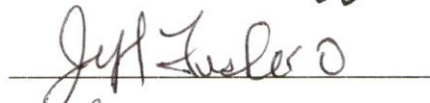
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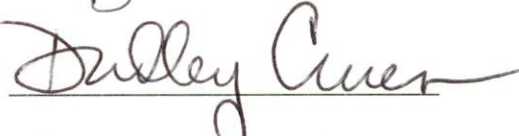
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Todd Hegg
Vote: 7-0


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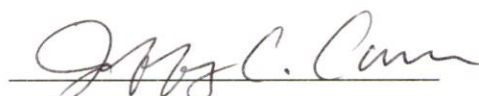












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