

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
April 14, 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 of March 10, 2025 as presented.

Vote: 5-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerks Monthly Report

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Todd Hegg to acknowledge the Clerks Monthly Report for March 2025.

Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Health Department for the month of February 2025 and the Ambulance, Clerk's Office, and Sheriff for March 2025.

Vote: 7-0

Review and Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for February 2025.

Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

911 Dispatch – Dana Stonebraker

Dana informed the Council that she had a dispatcher who will be out 3-6 weeks due to emergency surgery. Also, she will be having another dispatcher going out on paternity leave for 2 weeks. They will both be using their personal and sick time. She said both full and part time employees will be working more to cover for these employees. They will eventually need more part time money.

Sheriff – Andrew Krout

Andrew stated they had a deputy leave to return to the Attica PD. They did hire Kyle Dezarn. He will be going to the academy this fall. They have been working on the sewer project. It is coming along.

The Council discussed Bob Kemp's additional \$2,000 longevity for his years of service. They will do a salary ordinance amendment at the 04/21/25 meeting.

A motion was made by Todd Hegg and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve \$2,000 for Deputy Sgt/Detective Bob Kemp for 2025.

Vote: 7-0

Holiday Pay

Dudley Cruea had reviewed the County handbook. He stated he was unsure additional holidays could be approved with the way the current handbook is written.

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to table and review the additional holiday days for emergency services once a new handbook is written.

Vote: 7-0

BT Reynolds

Five quotes from BT Reynolds (Total \$10,469.31)

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Todd Hegg to acknowledge the quote from BT Reynolds for \$408.54, \$190.00, \$1,903.77, \$1,970.00 and \$5,997.00 for heating and cooling.

Vote: 7-0

Roemer Carpet Bid

A quote was made by Roemer Home Furnishings for carpet in the new Auditor's office for \$1,350.00

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the quote from Roemer's.

Vote: 7-0

JDTAG LLC

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the inspection from JDTAG LLC with discussion later.

Vote: 7-0

Kelly Carlson wanted to discuss the Health Department getting a new building. Their current building is becoming a HIPPA violation. The Council has looked at the old BMV in Veedersburg, which is centrally located in the county. This would be a tentative lease to buy. It was a medical office and is move in ready. They also looked at a second location. Jenny said the conditions at the current building is becoming a HIPPA violation.

Judd Barce discussed needing the city of Attica needing a member for the Economic Development Commission. This has 3 members. The Council decided to discuss and vote on at the meeting on 04/21/25. This would be a one-year term.

ADDITIONALS

Hearing Opened at 9:28 a.m.

Public Comment-

Hearing Closed at 9:52 a.m.

Additional

Treasurer

Contractual Services	\$1,052.44
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Statewide 911

Overtime	\$1,659.84
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Greenway Project - TABLED

CEDIT	Trail Project	\$225,000.00
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Cum Cap Development

1170-0005-10302	Deputy Sgt/Detective	\$2,000.00
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The Council discussed the overtime for 911. The Greenway project was discussed. They were not sure if they would still receive the grant money if they did not approve. The Council discussed the lease and the easements. Denise suggested dividing the cost between 2 years. Todd will discuss with

Dale White. The project will submit invoices for work done. Todd said he did talk to Mayor Crain and Taylor Powell. Kim Kalweit talked with Julie at Read. She stated that Julie highly recommended doing the \$450,000. The Council will discuss this next meeting. They then discussed Longevity for Bob Kemp. Dudley wanted to know if this had to come out of Public Safety. He is worried this fund will be in the hole at the end of the year. He was wondering if we could Cum Cap or Cedit to fund this.

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the additional request for Treasurer, Statewide 911 and Deputy Sgt/Detective. The Greenway project additional will be tabled until 04/21/25.
Vote: 7-0

Transfers

MVH

From: 1176-0531-22260	Other Supplies	\$2,050.65
To: 1176-0531-22420	Bituminous	\$2,050.65

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the transfer request.

Vote: 7-0

Rezoning

The Council discussed the APC and BZA budgets. They believe it is going to take more money. The zoning ordinance is going to have to be redone also. Ethan Myers believes it will take more than \$20,000, but he does not want to do it. The county does have to have a comprehensive plan in order to have the grant funds. They do not want to spend more money just possibly tweak the current plan.

Jessica Anderson, chair of BZA, wanted to know the budget for the BZA. She would like to be on the agenda for the 04/21/25 meeting. The council believes an attorney is needed for the BZA. Kelly will get with Jessica on budget so she will have some information for meeting.

Haley Locks and Key- \$454.34

The council agrees this needs to continue to be paid.

DES engineering has submitted a bill. The Council would like a further breakdown. Some of the chargers were back to 2023. They will discuss with Roger.

Public Comment

Carol Owens asked how much the JD Taggart inspection cost the County. It was \$500. The county is discussing the mold with the owner.

Dudley worked with Spencer Derry and Sharon Negele to get the tax rate lower for EMS. He is working with Matt Commons also. This would allow us a one-time withdrawal and allow us to lower the rate. This would not be an increase to tax payers. We need to know if our bond documents state we can lower the rate. Kim will get this information.

Jeff Fishero wanted to introduce Kim Kalweit, who is the new contact for WEGA. She talked a little about her plan. She will be as transparent as possible.

Jeff Carver wanted to know about the sirens around Kingman. He had someone contact him. He will discuss with Tina Holmes and Josh Paxton.

Kelly Carlson said they are working on getting the situation on Greenbay Road resolved. She said the resident was worried about the semi traffic.

Kelly also addressed some false social media statements. The County did not fund WEGA for 2025, but they are willing to sign a new contract because they feel like economic development is important for the county.

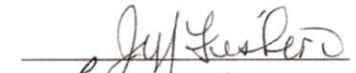
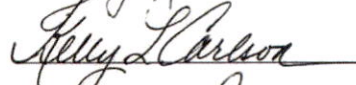
No, there is not a Council members wife on the WEGA board. She has stepped down. Yes, there is a member on the board, but he is non-voting. Yes, a letter was sent to the democratic party to see if they wanted to nominate anyone for APC. Yes, APC is working on legal counsel.

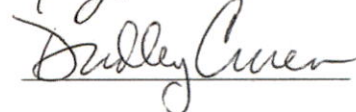
Dudley said we did put money in Commissioners under consulting fees incase they wanted to use for economic development.

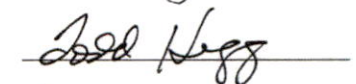
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT
April 21, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.

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

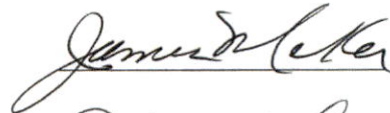

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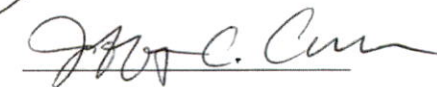













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