

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote:7-0

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

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for January, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 7-0

Report of Collections – as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, and Sheriff for January 2021

MASTER PLAN OF COUNTY MAINTENANCE – AMERESCO

Andrew Hall gave a breakdown to the Council of the Commissioner’s intentions and how they would like to move forward with Ameresco. They would like to see a Master Plan in place so that work can start getting done to the buildings, in order of priority. The initial cost to get started with the plan is \$8,500 and then \$2,500 every year after to have the software updated.

Dudley would like to see some other options as far as companies to go with and see what other counties do before making a decision. Everyone is in agreement that there needs to be a plan in place, but the urgency of some things, Heating/Cooling, windows, walls etc. seems to be more of a priority that may not be able to wait until a Master Plan is put into place.

Tom Booe does not like the idea of overextending the County financially. He feels that the Heating/Cooling needs to be addressed and a decision made before anything else.

The Commissioners are going to reach out to a couple more companies to get a comparison package on the Master Plan Asset Management.

Rick Beck will be reaching out to Scott Williams to prepare a package for redoing the existing boilers and the Heating/Cooling system in the Courthouse.

Diane Hubbard – Senator Baird’s Office

She came to visit Fountain County and wanted to make an appearance at the meeting to let the public know that legislation is going very fast and that they are available at the congressional office.

Department Heads

Susan Coffing – Treasurer

They plan to start printing tax statements on March 22, 2021.

Rusty Peevler – County Highway

They will need a major update on their radios. There was an update done on the Repeater system but not on the radios. Now the radios are not compatible. During the last snow storm, they weren’t able to communicate through their radios.

A decision needs to be made where to take the Additional Appropriation from to cover the overextended costs accrued by the Highway Department prior to their budget being cut by the State. The amount that needs to be covered is \$577,783.53.

A 4-H Council member approached Rusty and asked who is responsible for the front drive of the 4-H building. It needs to be chip and sealed. The County donates \$6,000 every year. It is up to the 4-H Council how and who they have repair the drive.

Terry Holt – Sheriff

The Body Scanner was approved for purchase by the Commissioners at the last meeting contingent on the Council approval and bidding process according to the County Attorney. This Scanner is the best one out there. The area counties have had issues with parolees bringing contraband into the Jail. This scanner will allow them to search them before entering the secure area.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the purchase of the Body Scanner in the amount of \$185,000 and use the funds out of the LIT Special Purpose Fund contingent on the bidding process.
Vote: 7-0

They are also in need of female Jailers and 2 more Sheriff Deputies to allow them to staff 2 deputies at a time on 1 shift. Andrew Krout will be putting together a presentation including the need for 2 more deputies and how much they would need to fund it.

Joe Whitaker – EMA

Cyber Security Plan has been done by Keller PC and will be brought to the Commissioners at the next meeting. He is also working on updating the Continuity of Operations Plan for the Fountain County Courthouse.

Adam Tyler – Purdue Extension

He is going to be leading a class on zoning if anyone is interested.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
APRIL 12, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: 7-0

Coleen Chambers
ATTEST

Dudley Cline
Tom W. Booe
James D. Miller
Bill Glover
Kelly L. Carlson
Tom Booe