

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
December 12, 2022
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, Jim McKee and Jim Hershberger.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

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

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for November, 2022 and the Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 7-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for October 2022.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for October, 2022. Vote: 7-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to acknowledge the Report of Collections received from the Health Department (Oct), Clerk & Sheriff for November. Vote: 7-0

ARPA FUNDS – Town of Hillsboro (Tom Fishero)

Tom Fishero said the bids on the sewer project came in much higher than expected. They will be approximately \$130,000 short and are therefore requesting an additional amount of \$170,000 to complete the project. The higher amount will cover any other unexpected costs. The bid is good for 90 days. The Commissioners have asked Roger Azar to go over the proposal. He will then contact some area vendors that may be able to do the work for less money.

Jim Hershberger made a motion to give the Town of Hillsboro an additional amount of \$130,000 for their project contingent upon Roger Azar’s investigation of the pricing/vendors. Tom Booe seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Public Hearing was opened at 9:16 a.m.

Public Comment:

NONE

Public Hearing Closed at 9:17 a.m.

Resolution 2022-42

LIT – Public Safety (Sheriff)

1170-0005-11000	Admin of Records	\$2,200
1170-0005-10151	Emergency Svc Allowance	\$1,000

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the additional request in the amount of \$3,200. Vote: 7-0

Resolution 2022-43

Co General – Commissioners
1000-0068-12000 Group Health Insurance \$150,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the additional request in the amount of \$150,000. Vote: 7-0

SALARY ORDINANCE 2022-8

After review of the proposed Salary Ordinance, a motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the proposed Salary Ordinance as presented. Vote: 7-0

READI Grant –Childcare

The Commissioners were seeking support in the amount of \$23,951 over a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 for the Child Care Project with the Greater Lafayette Community and Economic Development Foundation.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to table the decision until further information is available. Vote: 7-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth reported that they have moved forward with NSure. They will re-evaluate it in a couple months to see how it is performing. Also, there is no news on the new ambulances or the chassis. Ivy Tech of Lafayette will be having a paramedic class with funding through Ivy Tech. He has also talked with Lisa at the Williamsport Learning Center about classes but does not know when they will be conducted or the cost.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

They currently have 75 inmates. Thirty-two of these are out of county. They have averaged a little over 68 inmates per month for 2022. Tom Booe asked about SWAT training. Sheriff Holt reassured him that his deputies have had some training and knew how to work with the SWAT teams from different areas when they were called in for these kinds of situations.

Clerk – Paula Copenhaver

Paula stated that the swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials will be December 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtroom.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

Joe informed the council that the repairs on the tornado siren will not take place before the end of the year due to a parts shortage. He will have to ask for an additional after the first of the year as there will not be an invoice available to encumber the funds.

Coroner – Joshua Whittington

He informed the Council that he is working with the Auditor to move funds around to pay bills for the remainder of the year.

FAREWELL – Dudley Cruea

Dudley recognized outgoing council members: Jim Hershberger (24 yrs.); Dale Clawson (20 yrs.); and Bill Glover (8 yrs.) for their dedication and support of the County. He and several other were very appreciative of their work over the years. Good luck to each and everyone.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 9, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Bradley Cullen
Tom Booe
Kelly Carlson
Denise Crouch
Jim Luker