

Minutes
Fountain County Council
May 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The following council members were present: Richard Klage, Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Joe Whittington and James Hershberger.
Dale Clawson and Jim Mckee were absent.

Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting as presented. Vote: 5-0

2015 Budget Process

The "Council Designee" document was signed by the council and Ron Howard will be contacting Brenda Hardy later in the week to discuss the 2015 budget.

Payroll Clearing Accounts

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim Hershberger to allow the Auditor to do transfers to balance payroll clearing accounts and give a report at the next meeting of all transactions that were made. Vote: 5-0

SIHO has had the county paying for life insurance on some employees that are no longer working here. The auditor's office is working to correct this and making sure that all insurance invoices are balancing each month with deductions from employees from our financial system.

Wheel Tax/Surtax

Ordinance 2011-6 states that the Wheel Tax/Surtax rate for passenger vehicles & motorcycles is \$25.00.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to keep the surtax/wheel tax the same for next year's budget. Vote: 5-0

The current CAGIT rate is .01 and it was discussed that the county might want to increase it before October 1, 2014. Richard Klage will look into what it can be increased to. If the Council chooses to raise the rate they are going to send letters to the cities and towns for them to approve using the additional funds from the increase for buying a new ambulance. The price of a new ambulance is around \$150,000.

Garth Kagels

He is in need of buying new cots for the ambulances. The one he was looking at has a power load on it. This would be a great feature to have, but it is also very expensive. They decided to go with the original choice of the power cots. They aren't as expensive and they can apply for a grant to help cover the cost.

He also mentioned the Medicaid reimbursement and its status. He spoke with them and they told him it is in the review process. Jason Fisher from Benton County is having the same issues. They are working together to try and get some answers. In June, the claims for 2013 will be turned in to Medicaid to get a start on those as well.

Proliance/Constellation-RE: Contract/2015 budget

Tim Payne was unable to be at the meeting. Brenda Hardy stated that the volume of gas that was used has exceeded our usual usage. Tim Payne is going to come to another meeting and explain in better detail and work with the Ambulance and other departments to adjust the current usage figures so that we aren't going over our budget.

Don Hesler

He made the council know about an issue that has been brought to his attention. It is a concern for the county. If an employee gets a DUI, they can be suspended by the county's insurance for 5 years. The insurance company has a zero tolerance policy on this. The question arises on whether or not the employee will be able to keep their job or not.

He also brought up individuals that take home county vehicles. As of right now, 12 people take home vehicles. It costs the county \$35,000 a year in fuel alone. He proposed that maybe it is not necessary to drive vehicles home all year round. It is under discussion.

They are hoping to have the E-911 moved into the courthouse by June 15, 2014.

E-911 FY2013 Audit Findings

She received a letter regarding the FY2013 Audit Findings stating that the funds used for public education and 4-H booth rental for E-911 in the amount of \$1,421.63 has to be reimbursed. It is not eligible for funding. She asked if it should come out of County General Misc. to repay #1222 E-911.

The Council agreed to take it out of County General.

County Council State Called Meeting

It is in Shelbyville, IN this year. Richard Klage and Tom Booe both said they would like to attend, but they will go at their own expense.

The Next Meeting Will Be June 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dudley Cruea to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 5-0

Attest

