

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Council members were present: Richard Klage, Dale Clawson, Dudley Crucea, Tom Booe, Joe Whittington, Jim McKee and Jim Hershberger.

Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

Garth Kagels - Ambulance

He has been informed that there is going to be a statewide upgrade to the radio system. It is referred to as the P25 System. He is going to need 6 new radios to be compatible. It will roughly cost \$ 22,000. The Sheriff's department is going to need 3 new radios which will cost approx. \$11,000 and the EMS will need 2 new radios.

Richard Klage asked how the collections were going. Garth responded that they are up \$4,000 from last year and the runs are up as well.

Richard Klage

Future planning is going to be needed for things that are going to be coming up that need changed, such as the elevator. The elevator is 80 years old and is going to need replacing before too long. This is one of many things that are going to require attention in the next few years. He said that there is either going to be budget cuts or a raise in tax.

During the next meeting on July 21st, Andrew Berger, Director of Government Affairs and General Counsel Association of Indiana Counties will be coming to review some options for the county to help with purchasing a new ambulance.

Don Hesler

The Commissioners voted to have all county vehicles stay within in the county unless it is work related or an emergency at their last meeting on June 2, 2014. The Sheriff is backing the commissioners on this. As of now, the county highway department is no longer taking the county trucks home. They have to drive their own vehicles to and from work. They expect this is going to save the county approx. \$25,000 in fuel. Also, it has come to their attention that an employee at the highway department would've been receiving about \$6,000 a year in overtime. This is going to be stopped.

E-911 department is set to hopefully move into their new space in the courthouse next week. The new steel door was put in by Don Hesler and Wedall Haga. That saved the county around \$1,900 by them installing the door themselves.

Ambulance

\$40,000 from 1000-0032-15800 Paramedic
To 1222-0032-16000 Vac & Sick

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dudley Crucea to approve the transfer. Vote: 7-0

Payroll Clearing Accounts

Brenda Hardy handed out detailed reports to the Council and explained the transfers that were being made amongst the insurance accounts to balance them with the monthly invoices.

CUM REASSESSMENT-Transfer Request

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Tom Booe to allow the Auditor to transfer the balance of \$38,197.75 from fund #1187 into fund #1188.

Vote: 7-0

CAGIT/CEDIT Rates

CAGIT is .01% and CEDIT is .001% and depending on what the 2015 budgets looks like the rates may be changed.

PROLIANCE/CONSTELLATION- re: contract / 2015

Tim Payne has been working with Garth Kagels on re-evaluating the Ambulance building usage amounts and will make adjustments for the next year.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2015 BUDGET PROCESS

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| July 16, 17, & 18 | Budget Workshops w/DLGF |
| July 22 | First Publication of 2015 Budget |
| July 29 | Second Publication of 2015 Budget |
| August 18 th and 19 th at 8:00 a.m. | 2015 Budget Hearings |
| September 15 th 9:00 a.m. | Adoption of the 2015 Budget |
| September 16 th 9:00 a.m. | Ratification of the 2015 Budgets for County Units (Council Review of Budgets) |

The Next Meeting Will Be July 21st, 2014 At 9:00 A.M.

Attest
