

**Minutes
Fountain County Council
September 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

The following council members were present at the meeting: Richard Klage, Dale Clawson, Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Joe Whittington, Jim McKee and Jim Hershberger.

No public comment

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington approve the minutes of the August 18th and 19th meetings as presented. Vote: 7-0

**Budget Adoption~Solid Waste
Council /binding reviews**

The original advertised proposed budget for solid waste was \$382,948.00. After the Solid Waste Boards Meeting this past week some budget cuts were done. The new 2015 budget total is now \$278,583.00 and these budget cuts are effective January 1, 2015. A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the budget for Solid Waste Management. Vote: 7-0

Council non-binding reviews

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dudley Cruea to approve the budgets with the corrections to the Council Review Worksheets for the Covington School Corp. Vote: 7-0

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to accept all of the Non-Binding 2015 Budgets for adoption. Vote: 7-0

Keystone Insurers Group-Joni De Souza ~ was here to answer any questions that the council may have about the insurance and give her recommendations to help save the county some money. She believes changing the deductibles is the best way to save some money. The council and commissioners are in agreement that there needs to be an increase in the deductible or have an HSA account. She will be preparing a projection for the council and commissioners to show what the employees can expect to be paying.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington for the commissioners to move forward with gathering the information necessary with our current insurance and possibly making some changes and adding the HSA accounts. Vote: 7-0

Digital Communications MCG

A phone upgrade quote was given to the council for review in the amount of \$21,284.98 which was done earlier this summer. The council and the commissioners both agreed that the upgrade is not necessary at this time due to budget restraints. A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Joe Whittington to not upgrade the phone system at this time. Vote: 7-0

Transfers E-911

\$15,000 From 1222-0000-10206 operator
To 1222-0000-14000 overtime

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfer. Vote: 7-0

Greg Robison

He spoke on behalf of the EMA Advisory Board and asked the council if they would consider setting up a disaster fund to be handled by the council.

Bob Kemp, Chief Deputy Sheriff ~ came to make a plea to the council to not remove a deputy position from the 2015 budget. He believes that it is not a good choice and that they are short-handed as it is. He made several points and showed concern. The council feels for the department but still needs to make the cut. City of Covington Chief of Police, **Keddy Sowers** showed his support and concerns for the Sheriff’s department. They too have just lost an officer due to budget cuts and can relate. He has and will continue to offer the city’s help whenever possible.

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

The Next Meeting Will Be September 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest

