

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

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

No Public Comment

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

Purdue Extension – Courtney Stierwalt approached the council to request the transfer of funds from Special Projects Asst. to 1st Deputy to cover training and summer help. The money is already there, it just needs to be moved around eventually. Cheryl Carlson is retiring April 1st and Anne Woolwine is retiring April 16th. Joyce Martin & Amanda Galloway will be starting around April 1st. Dottie Vollmer will be hired to fill Ann's position temporarily through the summer. The council decided to transfer funds at a later date when the account gets low.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – 2015-4

County General – Veteran Service Officer

FUND NAME: Flags \$820.00
1000-0012-33930

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the additional appropriation request. Vote: 6-0

Solid Waste – Don Hesler spoke to the Council about some changes that are going to be made with Solid Waste concerning pickups and the items allowed. Montgomery and Putnam Counties use Walden in Crawfordsville and the cost is approx. \$2.50 per resident. Right now in Fountain County the cost is approx. \$20 per resident. The county would like to start using Walden as well. The company will put two 26 yard trailers in Covington behind the County Market and 2 in Attica. The trailers will allow the residents to put all of their recyclables in it without having to sort glass, paper or plastic. They will also pick up glass that is NOT broken. The county will not receive anything for the glass. The cost will be \$300 a month for pick up once a week. A new trailer would cost \$18,000 and the cost of contracting Walden for the year would be \$3,600.

Free Clinic

The Covington & Southeast Fountain schools and Steel Grip will be participating in the clinic. The county is thinking about joining the clinic as well. The doctor visits would be zero as well as approx. 75 prescriptions available on site.

Department Heads

EMA - Joe Whitaker – reported that there are 286 radios that need to have a state mandated P95 upgrade. The county is responsible for 77 radios. The upgrade price is \$100 a radio and \$450 a template, a one-time fee to put in the radios. The county has 3 templates. There is also a fee of \$50.00 to flash the templates. The tuning cost is approx. \$5,775 so all together it is approximately \$11,550.00 to upgrade the radios. The deadline for the updates is January of 2016. This affects the EMS, Ambulance and Sheriff Departments. Joe is applying for a grant of \$5,400 to help offset these costs.

The grant was approved by the state for the 50% reimbursement of Joe's salary for 2014.

Ambulance - Garth Kagels – reported that the Ambulance should be ready the end of May or the 1st of June.
He also has been in contact with INDOT regarding if ambulance warning signs should be put up along 41 at the entrance of the Med Shed. INDOT does not feel that they are necessary. They will put them up if the county insists but they will be very basic and they do not have an actual ambulance sign, only firetrucks. He would like a sign up and if the council would agree, he would like one that lights up to attract more attention.

Council Appointments to Review Budgets for 2015 and 2016

- Jim Hershberger- Ambulance and E-911
- Joe Whittington- County Highway and Emergency Management
- Tom Booe- Commissioners, Council, Assessor and Cum Reassessment
- Jim McKee- County Extension, Health and Coroner
- Dale Clawson- Treasurer, Recorder and Prosecuting Attorney
- Bill Glover- Jail, Sheriff and Probation
- Dudley Cruea- Circuit Court, Clerk and Auditor

The Next Meeting Will Be April 20, 2015 At 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST

