

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2015
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting as presented. Vote: 5-0

Transfer – 5211 Liberty National

\$337.38 From 5211 – Liberty National
 To 1186 - Rainy Day Fund

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the \$337.38 transfer. We no longer use this insurance. Vote: 5-0

2015 BUDGET PROCESS – (sign form)
COUNCIL DESIGNEE

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to appoint Ron Howard as designee for the 2016 Budget Process. Vote: 5-0

SBOA Audit rates - Dudley Cruea informed the Council that the rates for the State Board of Accounts to come and Audit were going up from \$45 to \$175 a day. The money for this comes out of County General. He and Tim Shumaker went to the AIC District Conference and were made aware of the increase.

Terry Ellingwood, former Commissioner passed away over the weekend. The question of whether to give flowers or donate money was raised. The decision was made for the county to send flowers from donations and send the remaining funds as a donation to his church, which was The Church of Wallace.

EMERGENCY SIRENS - Don Hesler – reported to the Council that Joe Whitaker made him aware that the batteries in the emergency sirens in Cates around Lake Hide-a-way are no longer working. The siren requires 4 batteries. They are \$156.00 each. The total cost of the battery replacement will be \$624.00.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to take funds out of the Rainy Day Fund to purchase the batteries for the siren. Vote: 5-0

COURTHOUSE - Kathy Maertens presented the council with a spreadsheet of 3 different companies that take care of carpets and rugs. The 3 companies were Cintas, Unifirst and Arrowmark. Cintas had the best overall prices. Dudley Cruea added that his company uses Cintas and that they are really pleased with them. The commissioners need to approve this before it can go any further.

Rick Beck – reported that the paint is peeling in many of the offices in the courthouse. A gentleman will be working with Don Hesler to come and look at the damage and get an estimate to fix it.

CAGIT/CEDIT Rates

Brenda Hardy made the council aware of a program she found out about that keeps track of CAGIT/CEDIT etc. rates. The program is \$6,000. The council agreed to have Darren Bates, the creator of the program, at the next meeting to review the software with the Council and explain how it could assist with the County needs.

LANDFILL - There will be around \$6,200 worth of improvements that need to be done to be compliant with the State at the landfill. Auditor, Brenda Hardy advertised for \$8,000 to ensure there would be enough funds.

AMERIFLEX – proposed 3 options to do the county's form 5500 filing. The Concierge option is \$2,000 a year, every paper that it supposed to be filed will be and the county will be assured it being compliant. This will avoid any mishaps or fines. Everyone was in agreement that it would be a good idea to use the company.

Heritage Barn – Ordinance 2015-2

Heritage Barn Deduction Ordinance – \$50 Annual Public Safety Fee effective January 1, 2016.
A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the Ordinance. Vote: 5-0

Surtax/Wheel Tax Amend Ordinance

Discussion about amending the original Surtax/Wheel Tax Ordinance 2011-6 again. It was amended on December 22, 2014 (Ordinance 2014-7) to collect Surtax on Motor Driven Cycles not more than Eleven Thousand (11,000) pounds. No decision was made, it was tabled until next meeting.

Transfers – E-911

\$5,000	From	1222-0000-10206 Operator
	To	1222-0000-14000 Overtime

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the \$5,000 transfer. Vote: 5-0

SOLID WASTE - Joe Whittington asked Don Hesler how the Solid Waste is doing with the new containers from Walden’s. He replied by stating that the containers are working out well. There has been a lot of good feedback and people are pleased with them taking glass again.

COURTHOUSE

There has been many positive comments about what a good job Kathy Maertens and Rick Beck are doing by keeping the grounds and the building looking nice.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 22, 2015
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

ATTEST

