

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 AT 9AM**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**COUNCIL BINDING/NON-BINDING REVIEWS**

Ron Howard presented to the council the Council Review Worksheets for Fountain County and Fountain County Solid Waste Management and all Non-Binding units.

Van Buren Trustee, Karen Seibold needed the council’s approval of her budget. On her board, 2 of the members are volunteer firemen and are unable to vote on the approval of the budget and other financial decisions. In that case, the council steps in and makes the decision. Their budget only had one change. A \$1,200 increase in the rental fee for the building and offices.  
A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the 2016 budget for Van Buren Township. Vote: 6-0

Hillsboro Clerk Treasurer, Amanda Eades was questioning the recommended amounts on the 2016 Council Review Worksheets for her unit which would be a budget cut for them if approved. Ron Howard went on to explain his reasons and why her recommended budget and all the other recommended budgets should stay where he calculated them to be. His recommendation is for the council to use his calculations which is based on income coming in, plus the Levy and calculating the estimated NAV’s to get a proposed tax rate. The reserves that the units have can be spent on how they wish but, not to overspend.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS-RESOLUTION 2015-13**

CAGIT County Share- Jail  
FUND NAME: Vac & Sick  
1110-0380-16000 \$8,000

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional appropriation request by using the Fund #1130 if the State will allow it. Otherwise, use the Vac & Sick fund. Vote: 6-0

**Don Hesler- Upgrade of the Phone System**

E-911 is in need of a phone or two. The system that the courthouse has now, needs to be upgraded in order to support the E-911 room. The cost to do this will be approximately \$20,000 -\$30,000 depending on if the jail gets done at the same time. They have three bids to choose from. A decision needs to be made on whether or not they are going to do the upgrade and whether or not to do it using this year’s budget or next year’s budget.

**The Next Meeting Will Be September 28, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.**

**ATTEST**