

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 22, 2016
9:00 A.M.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2016 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

JAIL COMMITTEE - Appointments

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint **Dudley Cruea & Joe Whittington** to the Jail Committee for 2016. The Commissioners appointed Commissioner, Tim Shumaker to be on the Jail Committee along with Sheriff, Bill Sanders and Auditor, Brenda Hardy. Vote: 6-0

Midwest Communication Group, Inc. – Steve Autor & Stan Mercer presented to the Council information regarding updating the phone system at the Courthouse and the Jail. The phones in the courthouse were last updated in July 2000. The Jail was last updated in July 2001. They recommend updating every 10 years. We have exceeded that. The courthouse would receive 55 digital phones capable of caller ID and the ability to transfer calls to and from the Jail. The wiring that is already here would be able to be used. The price to update the phone system would be \$25,635.18 for the courthouse and \$8,783.46 for the Jail. No decision was made.

Sheriff Retirement Program Amendment – Stan Brown from McCready & Keene

They did a study last spring on the merit officers and the officers. They found that on average the officers are staying longer with the department. As of now, after 20 years, the officer will still be contributing to the retirement plan but, will not be adding anything to their benefit. They are recommending amending the plan to cap at either 26 years or 32 years max. By doing this, it will cost the county \$39,000, which is less than it was the year before due to an officer taking a payout and an officer being cut. The question has come up regarding if the officers would offset the cost by contributing more. The cap for contribution is 6% of pay increase. The council will further discuss the options and make a decision on or before budgets are due.

Resolution 2016-9

Non-Revert Prisoner Reimburse

Overtime - deputies \$5,000
1130-0005-16000

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

PICTOMETRY

Sandy Whitaker, Assessor is proposing to the council to have the Pictometry Company come and fly over the county and get new updated pictures. It has been 5 years since this has been done. The program will then have the capability to overlay over the previous pictures to see where there are new structures and tear downs within the county. The contract for the program is 6 years and in that time there are 2 flights to take pictures.

First Flight

\$52,009.50
\$10,875.00
\$62,884.50 – TOTAL

Second Flight

\$61,074.50
\$5,800.00
\$66,874.50 – TOTAL

The payments can be made over a 3 year period for each flight. The first payment wouldn't be due until 2017. This would allow Sandy to get it into her budget.

Department Head Reports

County Highway - Bud Peach

He informed the council of the places he has received quotes for 2 new tandem trucks and Palmer’s bid was \$108,800 per truck. He has gotten a few quotes for the beds from Rush in Champaign, Kenworth in Cloverdale, Palmer, Ron Equipment and Henderson Clark. He has decided to go with Henderson Clark, with a quote of \$39,830.00 for the bed. They originally budgeted \$350,000 for the purchase of 2 new trucks. With this quote, they will be about \$50,000 under their budget. The older trucks won’t be traded in. The value they would receive is not worth trading. They will keep them until they don’t work anymore. The Commissioners approved the purchase of the 2 trucks on February 16th.

Ambulance - Garth Kagels

He shared the end of year financial reports with the council. They had a total of 1938 runs for the year which include transports and SOR’s. He also gave an update on what he has found out about purchasing another ambulance. He has two that they are looking at. One is a F450 6.7liter demo which has 2,400 miles on it. The cost for that one is \$158,500. They will give \$7,500 to trade-in the 2001 ambulance. The other ambulance has been involved in an accident but the box is completely intact. The box is the top of the line LifeLine box. They will give \$8,000 trade-in on the 2001 ambulance. This ambulance will be around \$152,000-\$153,000 with the new decals put on it. The 2nd truck is the best option in his opinion. The box is better quality. Both of the trucks are exempt from the new law that states that any new ambulances built after July 2015 have to have a slide track system and safety seats in the box. On a new ambulance this will increase the price by at least \$25,000. A decision has not been made.

1782 NOTICE – re: CUM BRIDGE & CCD re-establishing funds

The Auditor brought to the Council’s attention the 1782 Notice from DLGF regarding the 2016 Funds, budgets/rates and notations regarding these funds by DLGF. They decided to wait and talk more about it at budget time.

2016 Salary Ordinance Revisions

Clerk Office

Part Time Deputy - \$14.49 (not \$13.50)

Board of Registration

Clerical - \$14.81 (not \$8.50)

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the Salary Ordinance Revisions. Vote: 6-0

Sheriff - Bill Sanders

He is requesting the purchase of two new cars. Five of his cars have over 100,000 miles on them. A list of the cars with their mileage was given to the council members for review. He would like to trade in a couple of cars before the value goes down and things start going wrong with them. If they decide to purchase the vehicles, the council has decided to take the funds out of County Home and LOIT Public Safety. This will be acted on at the next meeting.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 21, 2016
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 6-0

ATTEST