

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 15, 2016  
8:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**Transfer – Highway**

\$30,000      From 1176-0531-22320 Gravel  
                 To     1176-0531-22420 Bituminous

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the \$30,000 transfer request. Vote: 6-0

**Transfers – Ambulance**

\$5,000      From 1000-0301-22501 Gas & Oil  
                 To     1000-0301-33650 Equipment Repair

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the \$5,000 transfer request. Vote: 6-0

**RESOLUTION 2016-32**

FUND NAME: HEALTH

1159-0000-44101 Equipment                      \$1,200

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the total additional appropriation requests of \$1,200. Vote: 6-0

**REDUCTION RESOLUTION 2016-33**

FUND NAME: HEALTH

1159-0000-22501 Gas & Oil                      -\$1,200

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the total appropriation reduction requests of -\$1,200. Vote: 6-0

**BUDGET HEARINGS**

Bud Peach (Co Highway), Garth Kagels (Ambulance), Bill Sanders (Sheriff), Don Hesler & Tim Shumaker (Commissioners), Brenda Hardy (Auditor), Sandy Whitaker (Assessor), Judge Henderson (Circuit Court), Wanda Taylor (Recorder), Bob Cates (Vet officer), Terry Martin (Pros Attorney), Dr. Sean Sharma (Health Dept.), Courtney Stierwalt (Purdue Extension), John Kirkpatrick (Soil & Water), Colleen Chambers (Treasurer), Joe Whitaker (EMA), Paula Copenhaver (Clerk) and Kathleen Wesley (E-911) were all seen by the council to go over their budgets. Co Drug Free Community and the Coroner's budgets were also discussed without representation.

**Budget Review**

The council needs to cut over a million dollars from the County General Budget. Most department heads asked for a 2% raise but, some asked for 3 or 5%.

**Bud Peach- County Highway**

He requested new wages for his laborers, mechanics, foreman and superintendent which calculated close to 3% increase in wages.

He is also requesting a new dump truck. Truck #39 has too many miles on it and they would like to start using truck #6. Truck #6 would be replaced with a smaller, more fuel efficient truck.

**Garth Kagels – Ambulance**

Linda Galloway will be retiring in March of next year. He asked permission to replace her. He would like the new person to start training in December to get the maximum amount of training which would include annual reporting and other monthly reports.

He determined that outsourcing 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing would not be beneficial. The county would still have to pay for a part time person to get the bills ready to send to the company and the company gets 8% on top of that.

He requested additional funds to purchase an electric cot and new defibrillator. The department has Life Pak 12 and after the end of this month, they will no longer be able to be serviced. Life Pak 15 is what he would like to purchase. They were turned down for a grant for those items.

He expressed gratitude for the new ambulance that was purchased. The 2010 ambulance is starting to have a lot of problems and he recently found out that it could be re-chassis. There is another truck that can have the same thing done. They both could be done for around \$230,000. If you buy a new ambulance it will be around \$200,000 for just one.

Bill Sanders-Sheriff

He requested 5% raise for the deputies and 3.1% for himself. He also requested 2 more deputies and 2 vehicles.

Administration of Records Fund can help pay for the person in charge of keeping track of the records.

The additional appropriation has already been done for the purchase of the new cameras to be installed in the jail. He will make the call to proceed with the installation.

Sheriff retirement: it has been requested for the retirement to be amended and put into the 26 years bracket. As it stands now, it is capped at 20 years of service. For the 2016 budget it was budgeted for \$53,094.00 and they are requesting \$56,261.00 for 2017.

Judge Henderson- Circuit Court

The Judge thanked the Council Members for all of the years that they have served in office while she has been Judge and has been associated with the County. She asked that the Court Reporter position’s salary should be changed to \$32,000 instead of \$34,935.00 due to it being a newly filled position in 2017.

Terry Martin – Prosecutor

The department will be donating \$2,500 to Hope Springs Safe House and he will be asking for additional appropriations out of (1182) Pre-Trial Diversion to be acted on next month. They will also be donating to Beyond the Violence. The Prosecutor expressed concerns for possible lack of funding in 2017 for the 13 pays for the Transport Officer which is paid out (2400) Infraction Deferral. The other 13 pays is budgeted in the County General Sheriff’s Budget.

Declaration of County Tax Rates

County Name:

Fountain

Note:

Please enter rates in numeric format. For example, if the rate is 1 percent, enter it as .01.

LIT

	Current Year	Proposed Rates
Local Income Tax	0.01	0.01
Property Tax Levy Freeze		
Property Tax Relief		
Public Safety		
Correctional Facility		
Other		
Net of Rates	0.0100	0.0100

COIT

	Current Year	Proposed Rates
COIT		
Property Tax Levy Freeze		
Property Tax Relief	0.05	0.05
Public Safety	0.025	0.025
Other		
Net of Rates	0.0750	0.0750

CEDIT

	Current Year	Proposed Rates
County Economic Development Income Tax	0 .0005	0.0005
Finance Courthouse		
Regional Development Authorities		
Other	0.0005	0.0005
Net of Rates	0.0010	0.0010

A motion was made by Joe Whittington to maintain the same rates as previous year for the County tax rates. **Cagit is being done away with and the State is restructuring it and calling it (LIT) Local Income Tax.**

The motion was seconded by Dale Clawson.

Vote: 6-0

**PETITION REQUEST- VAN BUREN TWP TRUSTEE – KAREN SEIBOLD**

There is no particular format or structure for the unit’s petition; a letter would suffice. The petition should include the unit’s proposed budgets, levies, and rates so that there is no question as to what was approved if the county council grants the petition.

- **The Department very strongly recommends that the county fiscal body public hearing AND county fiscal body determination occur on or before November 1, 2016!**

The county fiscal body should issue its determination in the form of an ordinance or resolution. Again, this should occur on or before November 1, 2016.

- The county fiscal body “may grant or deny” the unit’s petition for an increase in its budgets; statute does *not* authorize the county fiscal body to modify (reduce) the unit’s proposal.  
Notice of the public hearing is governed by the Open Door Law (48-hour notice); to the extent the unit and county fiscal body can coordinate and allow for enough time, the Department strongly recommends that notice of the hearing be published in the correct newspaper(s) at least ten days before the hearing.
- Upon receipt of the county fiscal body’s determination, the city, town, or township must upload a copy of the unit’s petition and a copy of the county fiscal body’s determination to Gateway within 48 hours of November 1, 2016.
- In this situation, the unit will not have a Form 4 to upload. The unit must still upload all the other budget documentation (e.g., Form 3).
- In the event a city, town, or township subject to IC 36-1-23 fails to comply with that statute, there will be no penalty to the county unit. The city, town, or township’s penalty will be certification of the lesser of the unit’s prior year budgets, rates, and levies or the unit’s proposed budgets, rates, and levies.

**ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES**

State Form 55865 (7-15)  
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015  
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

Budget Form No. 4

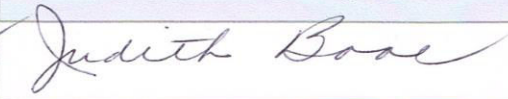
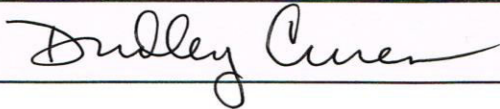
Ordinance Number:

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Van Buren Township Advisory Board** that for the expenses of **VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Fountain County** for the year ending December 31, **2017** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Fountain County**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Van Buren Township Advisory Board**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Van Buren Township Advisory Board	Township Board	08/09/2016

DLGF-Reviewed Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0101	GENERAL	\$38,574	\$24,789	0.0281
0283	LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT	\$21,600	\$21,000	0.0388
0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$26,682	\$24,000	0.0272
1111	FIRE	\$24,700	\$15,424	0.0285
1190	CUMULATIVE FIRE (Township)	\$17,500	\$7,198	0.0113
		\$129,056	\$92,411	0.1339

Name		Signature
Judith Booe	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Dudley Cruea	Aye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the petition request for Van Buren Township.  
Vote: 6-0

The Council Reviewed the Non-Binding Budgets & Binding Budgets according to the outline below provided by DLGF:

And here is the County Council review process:

- Starts in 2016 for Budget Year 2017.
- The previously existing version of County Council Review has been eliminated.
  - Includes elimination of penalties associated with failure to submit to the county council or failure of the county council to correctly complete the review process.
- At the first meeting of the county fiscal body in August, the county fiscal body shall review the estimated levy limits and estimated circuit breaker impacts provided by the Department. (IC 6-1.1-17-3.6(a))
- The county fiscal body may request that representatives from the taxing units in the county attend the meeting. (IC 6-1.1-17-3.6(b))
- The county fiscal body must allow a representative of a taxing unit to comment on the taxing unit’s proposed budgets, levies, and tax rates. (IC 6-1.1-17-3.6(c))
- After the meeting, the county fiscal body may prepare and distribute written recommendations to the county’s taxing units. If written recommendations are not prepared, the minutes of the meeting shall be distributed by the county auditor. (IC 6-1.1-17-3.6(d))

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

Adoption of 2017 Budget  
And Ratify Budget for County Units

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19, 2016  
AT 9:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 6-0

ATTEST