

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL & FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 AT 8:30 A.M.

The Following Fountain County Council members were present: Dudley Cruea, Dale Clawson, Bill Glover, Jim Hershberger, Jim McKee, Joe Whittington and Tom Booe (arrived late).

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:
Don Hesler, Craig Stalter and Tim Shumaker.

County Attorney, Daniel Askren; Auditor, Brenda Hardy
and Deputy Auditor, Bonnie Nix were present as well.

Topic: Fountain County Post Closure Landfill Trust Fund

Dudley Cruea, Council President opened the meeting and Greg Robison explained to everyone the current status of the Landfill since the landfill had closed January 6, 1998 and that funds should've been deposited into a trust fund on a regular basis for any problems, care and up keep of the landfill. To date, there is only \$72,069.29 in the Fountain County Post Closure Trust Fund. The State says that this is not nearly enough money. According to the Permit requirements, the amount that they think should be in this fund is over a million dollars. It is going to be looked into as to whether any money could have been placed in a different account, invested, etc.

The landfill is inspected yearly. There are 3 categories that are inspected by different people. The wells, landfill itself and solid waste. There really needs to be someone that oversees the landfill and takes charge of the reports, testing, etc. Greg has since retired from the Health Department but, he would be willing to oversee the Landfill on a part time basis. He would be a great candidate since he is already aware of all of the work that needs to be done.

One of the main concerns in the landfill that needs to be addressed is the 30% grade hill that is impossible for people to go over and take care of the landscaping. There are many ruts, soft spots and not enough of a run off around the wells for rain to drain off. This creates heavier sediments in the ground and can cause high readings when tested.

Last year, one of the wells tested high for a certain compound. The State was not pleased and made it so it had to be tested more frequently, which is very expensive.

The landfill has 12 more years to be open UNTIL IT CAN BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

Greg Robison will be presenting a plan to the Council and Commissioners for someone to oversee the Landfill.

No votes were taken and no other matters were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Don Hesler

Craig Stalter