

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 24, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting as presented. Vote: 4-0

Jail Feasibility Study - DLZ

Don Hesler spoke to the council about the need for a new jail. A jail building firm "DLZ" would like to do a feasibility study. The study is \$8,000. If the county goes ahead with them and builds the jail, the \$8,000 will be applied to the cost. The Community Corrections has taken a load off of the jail. Without them, the jail would even be fuller. The jail would take 2 years to open once the building starts. The property taxes would not be used to fund the project. The Public Safety, LOIT or another fund would be used. The county's jail is at full capacity all the time. The cost of outsourcing other jails to house inmates is very expensive. This year alone, \$200,000 has been spent for outsourcing inmates.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve to go ahead with the Feasibility Study and pay for it out of CEDIT. Vote: 4-0

2017 BUDGET RE-ADOPTION-COUNTY

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to Re-Adopt the County General 2017 Budget as presented to recapture (LIT) Local Income Tax back into County General. Vote: 4-0

Transfers – Ambulance

\$30,000	From 1000-0301-15800 Paramedic
	To 1000-0301-15300 EMT-B
\$4,800	From 1000-0301-15200 Advanced EMT
	To 1000-0301-16000 Vac & Sick
\$14,000	From 1000-0301-15800 Paramedic
	To 1000-0301-16000 Vac & Sick
\$5,000	From 1000-0301-14000 Overtime
	To 1000-0301-16000 Vac & Sick
\$1,000	From 1000-0301-22410 Medical Supplies
	To 1000-0301-22000 Office Supplies
\$200	From 1000-0301-33600 Repair / Maintenance
	To 1000-0301-33601 Other Repairs/Maint

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the transfers. Vote: 4-0

Transfers E-911

\$8,000	From 1222-0000-10206 Operator
	To 1222-0000-14000 Overtime

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the \$8,000 transfer. Vote: 4-0

Transfers – Sheriff

\$1,500	From 1000-0005-33450 Scuba Maint
	To 1000-0005-33600 Repair & Maint

Garth Kagels- Ambulance

He gave an update on the 2010 Ambulance. It ended up needing a new motor put in and is back in use. The final bill was \$6,200.

E-911

According to FSLA, starting December 1, 2016, if an employee fits certain criteria and makes less than \$47,476.00, their salary would need to be increased to that amount or they are entitled to overtime. The E-911 director has a salary that is beneath \$47,476.00. Everyone agrees that she should be moved up to \$47,476.00.

Murals- Nancy Wagner

Two accounts have been set up for funds for the murals. One is for the restoral process and the other is for future maintenance of the murals. The committee plans to raise \$75,000 in grants and would like the county to match those funds up to the amount of \$77,000. The total to restore the Murals is \$227,000.

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the county matching grant money up to \$77,000 to the Courthouse Mural Fund. Vote: 4-0

Veteran Service Officer

He received a letter from the state, stating that they would like to take over the placements of the Veteran Service Officers throughout the state and that each county would be responsible for providing an office, cover the veteran service officer's budget, etc. The commissioners are not in favor of the state mandating who would be their veteran service officer.

Bi-County Accountability Claims

Three claims from 2013, 2014 and 2015 were turned in this year for \$10,000 each, totaling \$30,000. An agreement between the 2 counties needs to be seen that has signatures stating how the money was to be disbursed each year. The claims are going to be continued to be held onto by the auditor until a decision is made on how to proceed.

KONE - elevator

Dale Clawson inquired about the status of the elevator. Kone has not done a good job with the wheelchair lift. The commissioners and council are hoping a new company will submit a quote for a new elevator.

Painting in the Courthouse

A quote will be submitted by Marc Dewlen for painting the courthouse ceilings and walls over the winter months. The front area will be done first, downstairs and then in the individual offices.

Resolution 2016-41

Fund Name: LOIT PUBLIC SAFETY

1170-0000-33850 \$70,000.00

The out of county expenses have been averaging about \$12,000-\$15,000 a month and only \$100,000 was budgeted for 2016 and that has been de-pleated. A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the total additional appropriation requests of \$70,000.00

Vote: 4-0

Resolution 2016-42

Fund Name: Co General

1000-0068-33261 Comm Special Legal Fees \$25,000.00

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the total additional appropriation requests of \$9,315.00

Vote: 4-0

Resolution 2016-45

Fund Name: Cagit

1110-0361-10403 EMA Asst Director \$4,200.00

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the total additional appropriation requests of \$4,200.00 for the EMA Asst. Director.

Vote: 4-0

Resolution 2016-46

Van Buren Township Non-Binding 2017 Budget – County Council Approval

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Tom Booe to accept the Van Buren 2017 Budget for Fire approval according to DLGF guidelines *(motion was made at August 15th Council Meeting. Vote: 7-0).

EMA- Joe Whitaker requested that the Council amend the hourly rate on the 2016 Salary Ordinance for his part-time clerical position from \$8.67 per hour to \$11.56 per hour to help assist in the ADA responsibilities that have increased substantially which the county needs to stay compliant with the state in order to continue to receive funding for the highway dept., etc.

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request of amending the 2016 Salary Ordinance.

The Next Meeting Will Be November 21, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Dale Clawson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 4-0

Attest

