

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the Joint Special Commissioner/Council Minutes of the January 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Vote: 7-0

Veedersburg Economic Development Commission - Appointment

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Jim McKee to appoint Tom Booe to the Veedersburg Economic Development Commission for 2017. Vote: 7-0

Jail Committee Appointment

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to appoint Dudley Cruea and Joe Whittington to the Jail Committee for 2017. Vote: 7-0

Landfill - Greg Robison

At the last meeting the Commissioners agreed to Deckard Engineering to survey the landfill. They have since been out there and are in the process of preparing the survey. The county highway department has been out there and have dug to see how deep the trash is to get an idea of the decomposition. They will need to dig to level out the ground to recap. The wells are still testing high chloride levels. Once the grounds are redone, they are hoping that the water will move away from the wells and the levels will come down. Also, with the water being where it is, it cools the trash making the decomposition slow down. The trash needs to be heated up to speed up the process. Removing the water will help the process.

EMA - Joe Whitaker

Panic buttons for the courthouse will be needing new batteries. The batteries are \$135 each. The council informed him that the money for the batteries should come out of the courthouse repairs and maintenance fund.

He also informed them that he applied for a grant to reimburse 50% of his salary, Greg Robison's and Tina Holmes salaries.

The fobs for Thyssen Krupp will be ready when they begin working on the elevator in a few months.

The next Courthouse Security Meeting will be Friday, March 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Security Issues

Don Hesler addressed the Council in the event that a panic button is pressed in one of the offices, E-911 and the Sheriff’s department will be alerted. E-911 will then proceed to send out a text to everyone that has signed up to receive an alert that there is a situation that they should be aware of.

The doors on the offices inside of the building for the most part are all glass. This poses a security problem if something were to occur in the building. The commissioners are proposing that steel panels be made to fit the doors to cover the glass. This will detour anyone from trying to break down the door to get in and give a better sense of security for the employees.

Special LIT Legislation for imposing a tax rate

The Council recapped the January Meeting regarding the presentation by Jason Semler, Umbaugh who had evaluated options available for building a Jail at the January meeting. A bill has to be introduced to the state for a Special Purpose Income Tax to be imposed in the county. This will not be implemented until the commissioners want it to be, it will be available when needed. Rick Hall, a lawyer who had helped with the last jail, says that there will be an inflation of 5-10% every year for the cost of building a jail. Barnes & Thornburgh want \$20,000 to prepare the bill. Dudley Cruea asked Senator, Brandt Hershman and he agreed to do the bill for no cost and get it introduced to the State. By doing this, there is no obligation to the county to pursue the building of a Jail, it gets the process started for when the county decides to build.

Additional Appropriations

Van Buren TWP – CUM FIRE \$10,000

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the total additional appropriation request for air packs for the Firemen in Veedersburg.
Vote: 7-0

Additional Appropriation

**Resolution 2017-18 County General
Circuit Court – CASA Program** \$2,000
1000-0232-33830

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the request.
Vote: 7-0

**Resolution 2017-19 Sheriff’s Pension Trust
Sheriff Retirement** \$5,000

1193-0005-10155 Sheriff’s Retirement
A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the request.
Vote: 7-0

**Resolution 2017-20 LIT Public Safety
Jail**

1170-0380-16000 Vac & Sick \$15,000
A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Dale Clawson to approve the additional appropriation request.
Vote: 7-0

**Resolution 2017-21 – CEDIT
Commissioners** \$8,000

1112-0068-33132 Contract – Paws n’ Claws
A motion was made by Bill Glover and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the additional appropriation request.
Vote: 7-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 13, 2017
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7-0

ATTEST

