

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 15, 2017  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**Commissioners updates:**

Small Claims funding may be cut from the State. The reimbursement to the County would only be for Title IV-D.

The elevator is going in smoothly. The car itself needs flame resistant flooring. They are in search of a company that carries the correct specifications.

**Concerned Citizen**

Penny Cadman came to the Council's meeting to make the commissioners and council members aware of the intersection of Stringtown Road and Allen Road. She believes it to be a very dangerous intersection and she's requesting that stop signs or something to slow down traffic be put in to place to help with the situation. She will attend the Commissioners meeting in the evening to express her concerns to the Commissioners. No decision was made.

**Department Reports**

**County Highway - Bud Peach**

The Community Crossing Grant was originally understood that the county was going to pay out more money than the State. The State will be contributing more than the County with the ratio being 75% State & 25% County obligations.

He requested \$14,576 to pay PCS once he receives an invoice and gets signatures for the contract from the Commissioners. The Commissioners will act on this at their meeting tonight.

**Coroner - Josh Whittington**

So far this year, there has been 8 cases and 3 phone consults. Three of the cases have needed autopsies. The account is down to \$1,600. He is requesting \$3,575 as an additional appropriation to 1000-0007-33460. He will also be moving \$225 around from other lines to this line item. This will provide 3 more autopsies. Each autopsy is \$1,500 plus \$300 to Tippecanoe County for use of their facility.

**Landfill – Greg Robison**

The plans from Deckard Engineering to repair the landfill has been approved and work has been started. Soil Testing needs to be done to the south part of the landfill on the borrowed soil. The company that submitted a bid is Patriot Engineering & Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$600.00. The reports then need to be sent to the State for approval.

A work order agreement for financial standings between the County and Deckard Engineering needs to be signed by the Commissioners this evening. It is a calculation formula of what should be in the account for maintenance on the landfill from when the landfill closed on January 6, 1998 until it is permanently closed in 2028. This report has to be done every year and turned into the State.

**TRANSFERS**

**Transfer – E-911**

\$10,800.00 From 1222-0000-10206 Operator  
To 1222-0000-10600 Part Time

**Transfer – E-911**

\$7,000.00 From 1222-0000-10206 Operator  
To 1222-0000-33800 Training

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Joe Whittington to approve the \$10,800.00 and \$7,000.00 transfers. Vote: 3-0

He requested to purchase 2 vehicles.

One would be used for transport and the other for a K9Unit. The 2013 Explorer that they use for a K9 Unit now, is having transmission problems. Equipment needed to outfit both new vehicles would be \$7,000 with at a total cost of \$62,116 for 2 vehicles. The Council was ok with the purchase of one vehicle at this time. The Commissioners will act on this tonight at their meeting.

The Council Budget Review form has been discontinued. Counties will no longer be penalized for not completing the review process. The DLGF will be providing each unit with what their Max Growth Levy is to be used for 2018.

The State no longer recommends a binding or non-binding budget review for taxing unit's budgets. Solid Waste is still a binding budget. Changes that have been made from the state and what the Councils responsibility is for the 2018 Budget Process is still the same as 2017. The council expressed that if there is a need for someone to assist the County with the 2018 Budget Process then they would if something would come up.

HB1450 has been voted through both the House and the Senate for Fountain County to impose a local income tax on the residents in 2018 of not more than (.55%). The Council will need to pass an Ordinance to impose this tax. A County Jail Revenue Fund will need to be established to be used only for the purposes described in Section 25.

IC 6-3.6-7-8.5 which applies to Fountain County. The Governor has signed the bill. The County will need to work with several agencies for construction control, bonds, etc.

The Council would like to have more time to discuss this. Advertising needs to be done by August 1, 2017 to meet the deadline set by DLGF in order to adopt this for 2018.

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

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