

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
JULY 17, 2017  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Hershberger and seconded by Tom Booe to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**SPECIAL JOINT MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the Special Joint minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

**Council need to Vote to suspend the rules for the following:**

**County Adjusted Gross Income Tax Rate for Special Purpose Ordinance 2017-4**

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the Ordinance at a rate of .55. Vote: 6-0

Myers Engineering, Inc. – A \$30,800 quote was approved by the Commissioners on 7-5-2017 regarding the Trojan Complex Rd / 9th St. Bridge #126 and this is one of the critical concrete bridges that is in need of repair. The commissioners wanted the council to be aware of the status of some of the critical bridges in the county that are in need of repair just in case they had any questions. The County Highway is hoping to start the project next year when school gets out and be completed by the time school goes back in session.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Resolution 2017-26**

**PUBLIC SAFETY - Equipment**

1170-0000- 44101	\$ 3,260
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SecureTech Systems, Inc. 25-Panic Buttons

A motion was made by Dale Clawson and seconded by Bill Glover to approve the total additional appropriation requests of \$3,260. Vote: 6-0

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**Resolution 2017-27**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Courthouse Safety Officer**

1170-0000- 10801 Courthouse Safety Officer	\$ 15,000
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**Amend 2017 Salary Ordinance**

Amending the 2017 Salary Ordinance for the Courthouse Security Officer to be paid at a \$25.00 hourly rate in the amount of \$15,000 for the rest of 2017.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Jim Hershberger to approve the request for the additional and to amend the salary ordinance. Vote: 6-0

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

## **NEW JAIL DISCUSSION**

Paul Bowman expressed his concerns to the council about financing the building of the jail. He does not agree with the decision to hire Kettelhut. He strongly suggested that the council hold off their decision to finance the Jail for 30-60 days and for the county to reconsider contracting with Kettelhut as the Construction Manager.

Jim Smith and Ken Smith also expressed their concerns. They agree with Paul Bowman and don't agree with the hiring of Kettelhut.

Tim Shumaker spoke to the council about the need for a Jail, but also the need to not finance Kettelhut and to finance CCI. He volunteered over a year ago to look into what companies would be best for the project. He found that Barnes & Thornburgh (Bonding Counsel), Umbaugh (Financial Assistance), DLZ (Architect) and CCI (Construction Manager). He also expressed his concerns with hiring CCI.

Todd Samuelson from Umbaugh, provided a brief explanation of what their company does. He went on to explain that if the County went with the .55% interest rate it would generate \$1.7 million a year in revenue, making it possible to use the special purpose income tax to fund building the jail project. He stated that a Reimbursement Resolution should be in place that would allow for money to be put back into the Rainy Day Fund. He concluded with urging the county to decide how big they would like to build the Jail and that would then give a better idea of how much it is going to cost.

## **Council Opinions**

Jim McKee spoke up and stated that he is all for building the Jail but, not how it has been handled. He would have liked to been included in a joint meeting with the commissioners and with all of the companies that would be involved to ask questions and be more informed. Tom Booe agreed with Jim McKee and both requested that there possibly be a joint meeting with Kettelhut and DLZ to discuss their contracts.

Jim McKee also requested joint meetings from here on to discuss any Jail issues.

## **RECOMMENDED COUNCIL POSITION REGARDING**

### **TAXING UNIT'S 2018 BUDGETS**

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dale Clawson as follows:

"In compliance with the State's mandated orders, the Council will no longer recommend a binding or non-binding budget review for taxing unit's budgets, except for the Solid Waste Budget, which will be a binding budget.

The Council supports the state's required levy for each taxing unit. Consequently, the tax rate will be based on each unit's NAV and the levy established by the State.

Circuit Breaker credits are estimates, so the impact of any Circuit Breaker Revenue is totally at the discretion of the Taxing Unit and not the County Fiscal Body.

All taxing units are welcome to attend the August Meeting. If a unit

**PLAN COMMISSION - Appointment**

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Bill Glover to appoint Dale Clawson to the Plan Commission. Vote: 6-0

**RAINY DAY ORDINANCE**

Dudley Cruea came across a Fountain County Ordinance 2004-1 an Ordinance to establish a "Rainy Day Fund" pursuant to IC 36-1-8-5.1 that states that at the end of the year the county can transfer up to 10% of what is unused in its budget is to be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. This has not been implemented in the past. The Council would like to follow the Ordinance and do this.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 21, 2017  
AT 8:00 A.M.**

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

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Attest – Brenda Hardy, Auditor

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Dudley Cruea, President

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James Hershberger

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