

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
October 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Kelly Carlson, Tom Booe, Dale White, Denise Crowder and Jeff Fishero. Jim McKee was absent

ARCHITURA – Invoice #4636 \$22,900

Michael Conley, President of Architura, stated that they had submitted an invoice through Envoy. He said the Commissioner's had approved but needed the Council's approval. He said the work was done in March and April of 2024 and was part of the contract the Commissioners had signed. Mr. Conley said this work could be used for the future and he would be glad to supply this at any time.

A motion was made Denise Crowder and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the payment of Invoice #4636 to Architura in the amount of \$22,900 to be paid from the ARP Funds (8950). Vote: 6-0

Transfer

Co General – Plan Commission

From:	1000-0079-33800	Training	
To:	1000-0079-33262	Attorney Fees	\$2,500.00

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve transfer from training to attorney fees in County General Plan Commission. Vote: 6-0

Department Heads

Ambulance- Garth Kagels

Garth has spoken with Kent and he has stated that anything over \$150,000 has to be bid out. Garth will try to get something together to get this process started. Dudley suggested to wait until the beginning of the new year to pursue this program. Garth would like to work with the new Commissioners. Garth would like to do at least one power load. Tom Booe wanted to know if it was possible to get by with what we had currently. Garth said there is some equipment from 2011, 2 monitors, that will be expensive to fix and parts may be harder to find. The interest rate will be 2.8%.

BUDGET ADOPTION

The Council discussed the budget for 2025.

Ordinance 2024-4 Ordinance for Appropriations & Tax Rates

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Tom Booe to adopt the 2025 Budget as presented for the following funds:

County General, MVH, MVH Restricted, Cumulative Bridge, Local Roads & Streets, Covered Bridge Maintenance, Health, Local Public Health Services Fund, PHEP Grant, Cumulative Capital Development, Cumulative Reassessment, Plat Book, LIT Public Safety, Accident Report, County Misdemeanor, Sheriff's Pension Trust, County Alcohol & Drug, CAPTA/CASA Grant, Probation Administration Fee Fund, Jury Fees, Chemical Test Fees, Community Corrections Probation Grant, Public Defense Admin Fee, Pre-Trial Diversion, Title IV-D Incentive, Infraction Deferral, County Drug Free

Community, LEPC, Recorder's Perpetuation, CEDIT (Commissioners),
Riverboat Revenue, County Farm, Statewide E-911, Non-Reverting E-911
Dispatch, LIT Special Purpose and ARPA Fund. Vote: 6-0

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Dale White to approve the total tax rate of .5496.

County General	<u>.3496</u>
Cumulative Reassessment	<u>.0541</u>
Cumulative Capital Development	<u>.0333</u>
Cumulative Bridge	<u>.10</u>
Cumulative Voting	<u>.005</u>
Health	<u>.0076</u>

Total Tax Rate .5496

**Ordinance 2024-5 Fountain County Solid Waste Management District
Ordinance for Appropriations & Tax Rates**

Solid Waste	<u>.0231</u>
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A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the 2025 Budget for the Fountain County Solid Waste Management District. Vote: 6-0

Gateway Submission of Budget for 2024

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the submission of the 2024 Budget to the DLGF through Gateway.

Vote: 6-0

Health Department – Dr. Hesler and Jenny Eads

Dr. Hesler discussed the budget with the Council. He stated that he would like to work on a joint project with soil & water on water testing. He would also like to work on programs to bring the numbers down. Fountain County is currently #1 in cancer incidents and #2 in mortality in the state. He said he would also like to work on the radon testing. He would like to get Fountain County out of the top 10 by 2030. He is trying to advertise via social media. He has some things in the works as far as trying to get some programs started to benefit Fountain County's health and offering preventative care.

Sheriff – Andrew Krout

Andrew said they are holding 10 inmates from Vigo County as a test. They will be getting 10 more in the next week or two. Currently there are 64 inmates. They have started working on the grinder. They hope to have the building up by the 1st of November. Andrew thanked the Council for the new vehicles and they are all on the road.

Public Comment

Carol Owens asked where the studies on the water had been done. Dr. Hesler that there is no trend to look at, as these are from 2016-2020. He would like to get with Lori Jordan, Soil & Water, and Greg Robinson, Landfill. Dr. Hesler has also reached out to the State Epidemiologist. He said it is not broken down by zip code and cancer types.

Denise Crowder asked about a proposal regarding the ARPA funds. Colleen suggested a committee meeting. She will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Carol Owens asked if anything had been heard from Ranger Power. As of now, nothing has been heard. They have started work.

A motion was made by Tom Booe and seconded by Denise Crowder to close the meeting. Vote: 6-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A
November 12, 2024
AT 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Dudley Owen
Tom W. Booe
Dale A. White
Allyson Carson
Denise Crowder
Jeff Lusk