

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2023
9:00 A.M.

Public Comment

Architura – Michael Conly

Mr. Conly gave a brief overview of his company. He left his qualifications and a brochure in regards to the long term and short-term planning, with focus on the heating and cooling of the Courthouse.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the Commissioners on April 3, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-160 (\$188,415.90) and PAYROLL CLAIMS

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve all claims.

Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for March, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.

Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for March, 2023

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for March 2023.

Vote: 3-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of March.

Vote: 3-0

CUMULATIVE VOTING SYSTEM FUND

Public Hearing

Hearing opened at 9:10 a.m.

Public Comment – None

Hearing closed at 9:10 a.m.

Ordinance 2023-3 – Re-establishing the Cumulative Voting System Fund

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the Ordinance for the Cumulative Voting System Fund at a rate of .0167.

Vote: 3-0

WCRCC – Dani Snider

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the submission of the 2024 Community Supervision Grant Application for WCRCC and the Fountain & Montgomery Probation Departments and the Parke County & Montgomery County Drug Court.

Vote: 3-0

Attica Public Library Appointment

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Phil Wriighthouse to the Attica Public Library Board from June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2027. Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION 2023-8 – Authorizing the Execution & Submission of Agreements with INDOT and Addressing Related Matters

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above Resolution 2023-8. Vote: 3-0

Discussion of Disposition of Real Property - County Farm & SR 234 parcels

It was recommended by the County Attorney, Kent Minnette, that the Commissioners consider hiring a real estate auction company to complete the actual sales. The Statute allows delegation of the sale to a licensed auctioneer. It will increase the marketing appeal. The auctioneer can handle the inquiries about the properties and formalities of the process. This will allow the county to get the highest dollar for the properties.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to hire Greg Clingan and Matthew Perry contingent on them working together to sell the above properties. Vote: 3-0

Maple Corner Annex – BOT Agreement

The Commissioners would like to partner with Cameron Starnes of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP to oversee the BOT process. The fees will not exceed \$25,000.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall to approve the letter of engagement with Cameron Starnes of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP for the BOT process. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth is requesting an additional in the total amount of \$17,415. That amount is for the paving and sealing of the parking lot (\$13,315) and the repair of the pole lights (\$4,100).

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional in the amount of \$17,415 and send it onto the Council for approval.

Vote: 3-0

Garth also said that the county needs to seriously look into something that will keep the birds out of the bay area. Also, the heating and cooling of the bay also needs to be addressed. After some discussion, it was decided to look into the purchase of large fans for the bay area.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Jason reported that we did receive the grant for the River Road project. He will be working with INDOT. The road work on Xavier Road will begin tomorrow due to the weather conditions. Jason has contracted GLC Inc for dust control for the residents. It will be advertised and put on the website. Residents will need to fill out an agreement. The cost will be \$124 per 100 feet and 18 feet wide. The minimum will be 300 feet.

HEALTH - Jenny Eads

Jenny is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$45,651 as follows:

1159-10160	Board Members	\$4,650
1159-12000	Group Health	\$21,201

1159-33030	County Attorney	\$19,000
1159-33710	Cell Phones	\$400
1159-33790	Equipment Ins	\$400

She is also asking for a carryover from the State in the Local Health Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$2,500 as follows:

1168-33300	Transportation	\$1,500
1168-3380	Training & Education	\$1,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request and send it onto the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

She will be short \$6,250 in PHEP grant fund as the grant was split 50/50 with Warren County as per State. They will also be using approximately \$5,000 from the COVID Response School fund for in school programs.

CORONER – Josh Whittington

He has made a staffing change as of April 1, 2023. He has hired Luke Adams to replace Brad Howell’s spot.

EMA – Tina Holmes

The contract with Code Red Alert will end on May 25, 2023. They are looking into BAM a mass notification system for weather. She has also been working with Robin from Warren County.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve a contract with BAM. Vote: 3-0

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

Greg reported that the clean up was going well. There is a lot of concrete to be moved.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
May 1, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to close the meeting. Vote: 3-0

Covee Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Timothy A. Shumaker