

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
March 7, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:  
Andrew Hall and Tim Shumaker.  
Brenda Hardy was on Zoom

**PUBLIC COMMENT - none**

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 meeting as presented.  
Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-126 (\$186,783.36), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve all Claims.  
Vote: 2-0

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for February, 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.  
Vote: 2-0

**March Report of Collections – as submitted:**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Sheriff.  
Vote: 2-0

**OLD JAIL – Discussion**

Per Brad Crain, the City of Covington would like the property with the condition that the County be responsible for reporting to IDEM about the tanks. The city is willing to remove the tanks. Roger Azar and Kent Minnette will be working together to see what potential environmental issues there are and go from there. No motion was needed at this time.

**ARP PLAN – Resolution 2022-2**

They are going to wait to vote on this until the March 21st meeting.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels**

They have been very busy and are currently helping out with the northern part of Parke County due to their EMS building caught on fire and they had a loss. (Not fire connected)

**AUDITOR – Colleen Chambers**

There is a 10:00 a.m. meeting tomorrow with Haley Lock and Key for security for Maple Corner. The Commissioners are welcome to join the meeting.

**CLERK – Paula Copenhaver**

Her postage meter is up for renewal on their lease and they will be upgrading to an automatic feeder. She will forward the contract on to the Commissioners and the County Attorney.

**HIGHWAY – Rusty Peevler**

The County Roads are in terrible shape. He would like to purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup> Total Patcher. A new one, first come, first serve, is \$89,500. They were offered \$2,000 for the 13-year-old Patcher that the County owns. He would also like to purchase 2 single axle dump trucks. They would need an additional appropriation of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the purchase of a new total patcher in the amount of \$89,500 and 2 used single axle dump trucks. This is contingent on the Council approval.

Vote: 2-0

**LANDFILL- Roger Azar / Greg Robison**

The survey of the NE pond is complete. The cap looks pretty good. As the weather breaks, they will be keeping up on maintenance.

**SHERIFF – Terry Holt**

75 inmates are being housed in the jail and another 5 will join later this week. COVID restrictions are being gradually lifted, which allows for more inmates to be housed.

They would like to have the carport at the old jail to be moved to the new Jail.

**TREASURER – Susan Coffing**

Tax Bills will be mailed out on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be zeroing out the Pershing Investment. The fees are too high without much return. They will be staying with Chelsey Paddock at Old National Bank in Covington.

**EXTENSION – Adam Tyler**

Adam introduced the new educator in the Purdue Extension Office. She is Ashley David from Georgetown Illinois.

**Tim Shumaker – County Farm**

Soil and Water has been given the farm contract for the last 20 years. The tenant is doing a good job with the farm. The County Farm has brought in an average of \$34,010.45 a year. If they were to sell it, it will bring in around \$1.5 million. It would take 44 years for the County to make that. Tim reported there is some timber on the farm that could be harvested. There are extenuating circumstances that need to be confirmed before a decision is made.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to close the meeting.

Vote: 2-0

Couss Chambers  
**ATTEST**

Brenda Hardy

Tim Shumaker