

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

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present as the meeting:
Brenda Hardy, Andrew Hall and Tim Shumaker

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023 and the Commissioner Meeting and the Drainage Board meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 166 (\$154,198.17) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve all Claims. 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 Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of December. Vote: 3-0

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for December, 2022 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING FOUNTAIN COUNTY TRAVEL POLICY –
ORDINANCE 2023-2**

The Commissioners introduced the above Ordinance and had the first reading. The County Attorney explained that State Board of Accounts suggested that we have a more uniform policy. Our policy follows the handbook. It will be voted upon at the next Commissioner meeting.

TOWN OF HILLSBORO – Grant Writer, Anita Carpenter

The Town of Hillsboro is looking into building a new fire department building. Anita Carpenter stated that the Town will get more points in the grant process, if they have the Commissioner's approval.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to offer support and approval to the Town of Hillsboro in their quest to build a new fire station. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

There are currently 78 inmates being held. Thirty-five (35) are from out of County. He expects 3 more today from Sullivan County. There will be a meeting on January 24th with the Town of Veedersburg in regards to the waste grinder. Roger Azar will be in attendance also.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Jason has a meeting this week with GLC (Great Lake Chloride) in regards to dust control. Brenda Hardy would like to discuss the options for residents who live on gravel roads.

The River Road project has come in over the one-million-dollar mark. Jason explained that our local match for the entire project will \$382,375. If we cut back the project by 1 to 2 miles our local match will \$333,333.

Andrew Hall made a motion and was seconded by Tim Shumaker to do the full project with the county match being \$382,375.00. Vote: 3-0

Jason would also like to start the discussion on a new county highway building. He has some concerns with the present building. Brenda Hardy stated that she would like to see work sessions between the Council and Commissioners to work on some of these issues.

The Commissioners asked that Jason get updated estimates/quotes on a salt barn. The County Attorney said that we may have to do a request for proposals. We need to set perimeters and the design for the building. He will reach out to another county who has recently purchased a new salt barn.

HEALTH – Erich Haley

We will be able to move forward on the 234 property once Roger Azar has finished the desk review of the environmental study. On the 65 E Osborn Road property, it is vacant property and falls under the unsafe building law. The County Attorney has the paperwork ready. Once the title work is completed the order can be issued. We will need an estimate for the removal and have the expenditure ready for the demolition.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to give the authorization to move forward with the 65 E Osborn Road project contingent on the title work. Vote: 3-0

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

Greg and Roger Azar walked the area that IMPA is proposing to purchase with their engineer. The entrance will be east of the Recycling center at the shed for the scales. There is approximately 4500 yards of debris. Roger proposes that we separate it out. The metal will be set aside and recycled and funds will be put back into the project. They will rent a tub grinder to separate the metal from the rock/cement. Darryl Bell will get an estimate for the rental of the tub grinder. Once the project moves forward, the gate to the landfill entrance will have to be moved.

Greg also stated that there are some trees down at the landfill due to a recent storm. He plans on using funds from the landfill maintenance line item.

COUNCIL – Jeff Fishero

Jeff stated that there are 3 new members of the Council this year. They all have a passion to work together with the best interest of the County. The work sessions would be beneficial.

MAPLE CORNER ANNEX – Surplus

There is a large assortment of junk/surplus that did not sell or buyers did not pick up at the annex. The Commissioners would like to declare it surplus and have it removed from the building before renovations begin.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to declare the excess property at Maple Corner as junk surplus. Vote: 3-0

COMMISSIONERS

County Farm – Roger is to complete the survey in January. Once it is completed, we can move forward

Old Jail – survey has been completed. We are ready to clean up the deed for the area that the tower sits on.

SEALED BIDS – Gravel, Stone, Rip-Rap, Asphalt & Fuel

Andrew Hall opened all of the bids that were received and read aloud the bidder for each category.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to take all bids received under advisement and accept all bids.

Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Vote: 3-0

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ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker