

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 7, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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

Public Comment

Henry Schmidt requested permission to use Courthouse in the afternoon on Saturday, September 16 for a tour of the murals and to view the canal model. There will be approximately 30 people from the Indiana Canal Society. A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to allow access to the group. Vote: 2-0

Clingan Auction – Greg Clingan

Greg Clingan will be holding the land auction for a portion of the County Farm and the SR 234 property on September 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.(County Farm) and 7:00 p.m. (SR 234). He will take care of all advertising.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s meeting of July 17, 2023 along with the minutes of the Joint meeting of the Commissioners and Council on July 17, 2023 as presented. Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-180 (\$958,830.28), UNPUBLISHED and PAYROLL CLAIMS

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve all claims. Vote: 2-0

Report of Collections - as submitted

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Health Department for June 2023. Vote: 2-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for June 2023.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for June, 2023. Vote: 2-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Rod Bannon

Rod Bannon gave a hand out to each Commissioner. He gave an overview of the projects that he is working on. He will be setting up a meeting with all of the county school superintendents so that they can appoint a member to the Board.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker to appoint Brenda Hardy to the WEGA board. Brenda Hardy seconded the motion due to Andrew Hall’s absence. She will be a non-voting member. Vote: 2-0

Transfers

CEDIT - Commissioners

From: 1112-0068-33000 Postage
To: 1112-0068-33400 Printing & Advertising \$500

Infraction Deferral

From: 2400-0000-33010 Transcripts
To: 2400-0000-33360 Special Prosecutor Equipment
\$155.37

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfer requests and send it onto Council for approval.

Vote: 2-0

Peterson Consulting – Contract

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the contract with Peterson Consulting for the Development of GASB/GAAP Compliant Capital Asset Property Record in the amount of \$3,025.

Vote: 2-0

Courthouse Annex –Proposals and Qualifications

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the proposal from Envoy. Tim Shumaker stated that JR Kelly has been good in what they have done for the County. However, Envoy has the experience for this type of project.

Vote: 2-0

Ameresco Agreement

The Commissioners took this agreement under advisement in July 2021. Architura does partner with Ameresco on their projects for the electric, plumbing and mechanical systems. In the proposed agreement there is also a guaranteed energy savings contract. The contractor would pay the difference if a savings was not incurred. The Commissioners are still reviewing the Project Development Agreement with Ameresco and would like to discuss it with the Council. The decision was tabled until their next meeting on August 21, 2023.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth has an appointment with Horton Ambulance on August 15. He believes the chassis for the new ambulances will be delivered in September. There is still no word on the Chevy chassis for the remount. The concert at the Badlands went well. There were approximately 5,000 in attendance. He has an employee out due to back surgery. That will have an effect on the budget. Garth also reported that the lights have been installed and the driveway sealed.

E -911 – Dana Stonebraker

She is paying out a lot of overtime. She has lost 2 operators. Dana is working on a communications grant for the CAD. She also has been communicating with Barry Ritter.

EMA – Tina Holmes

She is working on the BRIC grant. It will pay 75% of the new CAD system, if we are awarded the grant.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Tina Holmes as the EMA Director effective July 28, 2023.

Vote: 2-0

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

They are currently housing 12 inmates from Sullivan County, 3 parole, and 7 DOC inmates. There are 33 inmates from Fountain County. He reported that it is taking some time to get the glass for the cracked windows. It is about a 6 month wait. The plumbing problem has been fixed. He is ready to start the process for the new deputy spot. The design is completed for the lift station at the jail and is ready for bids. The Commissioners approved the advertisement for the bids.

HIGHWAY- Jason Lewis

Jason reported that they have finished the chip and seal. They were able to do close to 40 miles. Greg Campbell has demolished Bridge #54 and has

got the beams on the bridge. They will be installing a new pipe on Powell's corner this week. They have the contract from Bridge #66. It has been sent to INDOT. USI will be at the next meeting. Milestone has not given a definite date when they will be starting the paving for the Community Crossing Grant.

HEALTH – Erich Haley

Tim Shumaker requested status on a home in Stone Bluff. It is on the list that was recently sent to the County Attorney. The well and septic has been filled in. There was discussion on the unsafe building ordinance and the unsafe building fund.

Hillsboro Sewer Project – ARPA funds

Roger Azar informed the Commissioners that Hillsboro received two bids for the project. One was for \$700,000 plus and the second one was for \$380,000 plus. The lower bid was under the amount originally planned for.

Roger also met with Genex Solar. They had questions on the legal drains. No permit application has been submitted.

IMPA – Purchase of Real Estate

The closing will be this Friday. The agreement has been signed with IMPA some time ago. A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to grant permission to give the President of the Board or their designee the authorization to sign all documents at the closing. Vote: 2-0

Courthouse Annex

Alan Strawser has agreed to put a new roof on the Maple Corner Annex, take out the sky lights and all cooking vents. He will patch it with plywood and cover. The County will be receiving a little over \$36,000 from the insurance. A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the bid from Alan Strawser/4th Street Construction in the amount of \$37,900. Vote: 2-0

Recycle Day

The Solid Waste Management District will host a recycle day for electronics and tires on Friday, September 22nd during regular business hours and on Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
August 21, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting. Vote: 2-0

Brenda Hardy
Tim Shumaker

Carey Chambers
ATTEST