

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 15, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting: Brenda Hardy, Aaron Fruits and Tim Shumaker.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of July 1, 2024 and the Joint Meeting on July 8th, 2024 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-153 (\$386,679.56) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve all claims. Vote: 3-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for June. Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2024

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for June, 2024. Vote: 3-0

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

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for June 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

Pro Pest Control – Robert Clodfelder & Ross Miller

Rob is the owner of Pro Pest Control and is a life long resident of Fountain County. He formed this business approximately 3 years ago. He would like to submit a bid to the county for his services. They cover everything but wildlife. They can contract that out if a problem arises. They have over 20 years combined experience.

Transfers

From:	1000-0303-33300	Travel/Mileage	
To:	1000-0303-33105	IDACS	\$1,000

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer request and send it on to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

Report of Commodities Farm Summary

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve and sign the Report of Commodities Farm Survey from the Soil & Water office. Vote: 3-0

Discussion: E-911 Project & Highway Building Project

Brenda Hardy said Aaron Fruits wanted to discuss the E-911 & Highway garage projects. She said no decisions have been made if, when or where they should be built. Aaron Fruits would like to see E-911 to be out by the jail. It would not be in the jail. It would be a separate building or an

addition to the jail with a separate entrance. He wants to be on record and would like to move forward. Tim Shumaker said that his why we have an invoice from Baker Tilly. It was to show the council how we could pay for it. Brenda Hardy asked if they could act upon it contingent upon the funding. Kent Minnette advised against taking any action for clarity and to prevent any problems. He advised to wait until it is fully funded and budgeted before taking action.

Envoy – Breakdown of Charges on the Contract

At the joint meeting the Commissioners made a motion to pay the invoices for Envoy, Ameresco & Architura. They had to pay attorney fees to stop the BOT process. The charges total \$192,217.25.

Architura	\$130,900
JR Kelly	\$4,000
Ameresco	\$20,000
WSH	\$4,000
Envoy	33,317.25

Tim Shumaker made a motion to pay the invoices in the amount of \$192,217.25. He stated that this is strictly just for the drawings. Aaron Fruits seconded the motion with the contingency that Council review the invoices before paying. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth said he will pick up one of the new ambulances on July 31st. He said the City of Attica is looking at a building owned by Little Beverage to potentially house the ambulance & staff in Attica. The call volume for the north 1/3 of the county has increased substantially and they have outgrown their current facility. They would lease a portion of the building. Kent Minnette said that there is a statutory process to do this.

Highway Dept – Jason Lewis

Jason reported that he will only be chip and sealing a portion of Public Service Road. They have the preconstruction meeting with USI and Milestone last week. Milestone will begin the Stringtown Road Project on September 1 and will run through October 31, 2024. The chip and sealing will start back up today, weather permitting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Carlson asked where we were at on the Jail Sewer Project. We are still waiting on equipment.

Tim Shumaker - Due to the events of the weekend, he asked that people be mindful of what they post on social media. It only takes one small thing to set someone off. He said that they are audited every year by State Board of Accounts. He asked for the hatred to stop.

Bill Brewer – He watched the video of the last joint meeting. He can’t believe what he hears. He asked Colleen Chambers on how the claims were processed. She gave a rundown on how the process was handled. He asked that everyone stop blaming each other.

Sara Duensing – Do we have money to do the E-911 building? Can we use the ARP money for this project. Brenda and Tim said the projects were too large to not use tax dollars. We have used some of the ARP money for the

drawings. They have designs but they are for the E-911 center at the annex. Ritter Strategic Services was involved with the design.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
August 5, 2024
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Brenda Hardy
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Tim Shumaker

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