

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

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of July 5, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS 1-160 (\$182,358.63) 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 Ambulance, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff for June 2023. 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 June, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

**County Annex - Proposals**

The Commissioners were not ready to accept any proposals. They would like to review them with council. They did receive three proposals, two are from the same company with a variation in the construction time.

**Street and Road Ordinance**

Kent Minette explained that the Commissioners have the police power over the policy but since the ordinance contains design elements to the drainage and subdivision control portions of the zoning ordinance, it will first need to be approved by the Plan Commission and then sent to the Commissioners for final approval. There will be a public hearing on the ordinance sometime in September or October.

**Health Department Funding**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to opt out of the Public Health Funding for the first year. Andrew Hall explained the financial aspect of the funding and stated that much thought had gone into the decision. They will reconsider the option for the next year.

Vote: 3-0

**AMERESCO – RFPQ**

On July 6, 2021 the Commissioners opened a proposal for an Asset Utilization Program/Energy Contracting Services. Only one proposal was received. The Commissioners opened the proposal and took it under advisement. It was never acted upon.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the proposal for qualifications from Ameresco. Vote: 3-0**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**CORONER – Josh Whittington**

He stated that the law changed on July 1 in regards to autopsies. The coroner of another county must contact the coroner in the deceased person's county before performing the autopsy. He received an invoice from Tippecanoe County in the amount of \$1,750. He will need more funds to make it until the end of the year.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve an additional in the amount of \$10,000 for out of county Autopsies and send it onto the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

**E -911 – Dana Stonebraker**

Dana says she is still having to pay out Overtime due to training and short of staff. She hopes to have a full staff soon.

**EMA – Joe Whitaker**

Joe reported that he is working on the storm assessment of June 29-30. The county accumulated approximately \$70,000 in loss due to the storm. He is waiting to hear from some of the cities and towns. The Commissioners thanked Joe for his 22 plus years of service to the County. He will be retiring on July 28, 2023.

**HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis**

Jason reported that about half of the chip and seal is complete. He introduced Lauren Ganipini from United Consultants. She is new with the company and has reached out to Jason.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
August 7, 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

Coleen Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy  
Andrew Hall  
Tim Shumaker