

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Larry & Linda Reynolds** – They publicly thanked the Commissioners for the PHI Care Agreement. Larry received an invoice for \$42,163 for his flight to Indy. Due to the agreement with PHI, he paid only \$250. They thought it was a good use of taxpayer money. The Commissioners thanked them for coming and stated that it was joint effort with the Council.

**Jon Schrock** – He gave a factual presentation for a proposed Resolution regarding Pornography as a Public Health Hazard in Fountain County. The Commissioners stated that they thought this was a small aspect of a bigger picture. They would like to hear from the schools and public libraries. It is not a battle they are ready to take up at this time. County Attorney, Kent Minnette, said a resolution has no legal authority. The Commissioners are limited to roads, bridges, and buildings for the County. This does not need Commissioner approval. Commissioners stated they will look further into it and thanked him for coming.

**Town of Hillsboro – Tom Fishero** – He asked the Commissioner about the possibility of receiving an additional \$170,000 to \$180,000 from the ARPA fund for the town's sewer project. They will not be able to do the project if the county does not contribute the additional funds. The bids came in much higher than originally thought due to increase in pricing of materials. There are currently 55 employees at the factory outside of Hillsboro. The company will look for another site if the sewer is not extended to the property.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS 1- 162 (\$274,200.11) 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, Health and Recorder for October.

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 October, 2022 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.

Vote: 3-0

**KJG Architecture – BOT Agreement**

The County Attorney had not finished the agreement. The agreement is for \$8,500 to advertise for the bids on the renovation of the Maple Corner Annex. It will be addressed at the next Commissioner meeting.

**SMART CONTRACTORS INC – Estimate for Snow Removal**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the estimate from Smart Contractors for snow removal. The estimate is in the amount of \$245 each for salting the sidewalks, lots and driveways during slick conditions and \$235 each for snow removal on the sidewalks. It was reiterated that this was for snow removal and salting only and it was the same price as last year. Vote: 3-0

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST**

**Co General – Commissioners**

1000-0068-12000                      Group Health                      \$150,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in the amount of \$150,000. Vote: 3-0

**LIT – Public Safety**

1170-0005-10151                      Emergency Svs Allows                      \$9,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional request in the amount of \$9,000. Vote: 3-0

**Tree of Hope/Tri-Kappa** – Requesting permission to erect Christmas tree in atrium for Riley cancer patients.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to grant permission for the Tree of Hope to be put up in the Courthouse atrium. Vote: 3-0**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE**

Garth Kagels let the Commissioner know that he has received a quote for a new chassis for an ambulance remount in the amount of \$245,385. It did not have to be advertised as it is on the state bid list.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to move forward with the ambulance remount. Vote: 3-0**

He informed the Commissioner that there is a 10% charge on NSure in regards to the patients deductible, which they are already doing. It would reduce the amount collected. Commissioners feel any amount that lessens the load and brings in more revenue than the cost of the program is beneficial to the County. The contract will automatically renew each year unless the County cancels it.

**SHERIFF** – Deputy Andrew Krout reported there are 70 inmates being held.

**HIGHWAY** – The Commissioners signed a letter of Commitment for Bridge #66. This project is for the year 2027. Jason reported that the county will be returning approximately \$102,000 for the Community Crossing Match Grant (CCMG). This is the amount that was not used.

Also, a legal drain (Coffing Drain) on 530 W is a concern. There was some clearing done and the debris is in the creek. Roger Azar will go out with Jason and inspect the situation.

The copier at the highway department has quit working. Jason can purchase a new one from Cardinal Copier in the amount of \$4,000 with a yearly maintenance agreement in the amount of \$375.00. Commissioners gave their approval on the copier.

Jason would like to sit down with the school superintendents in regards to inclement weather to devise a plan and to make sure everyone is on the same page.

He will be reviewing/setting fees in regards to the Plan Commission. He stated that the proposed fee schedule is in line with other counties. He would like to see a mass email go out to all the companies once they are established. The County Attorney stated that they will also be advertised.

**CORONER** – Josh Whittington reported that the case with the VA is finished. The cooler was very beneficial during this 18-day period. He stated that Channel 13 investigative reporting had been in contact with him asking him generic questions.

**LANDFILL** – Greg Robison reported that the Solid Waste Management District should be receiving their permit very soon as all issues have been resolved.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Cecilia Chambers

ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker