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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS 1 – 178 (\$399,961.75) and Payroll Claims

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

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for August. 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 August 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

TKE – Repair Work Order

Received a repair work order for the elevator doors in the amount of \$19,772.53, to provide labor and materials to replace door interlock/door locks on 4 stops. Initial payment of 50% (\$9,886.27) with total due upon completion of work.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the work order. Vote: 3-0

Additional Request

LIT – Special Purpose

1114-0000-33604	Other Svcs. & Charges	\$645,500
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The bid was for \$1,145,499 which was higher than first estimated. We have \$500,000 in the appropriation line item.

Non-Reverting Dispatch

1223-0000-14000	Overtime	\$20,000
1223-0000-10600	Part time	\$ 4,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the additional requests and send it onto the Council. Vote: 3-0

Request to Use Gazebo - Tanya Thomas

Tanya Thomas is requesting to use the gazebo on October 26, 2024 for an afternoon wedding. A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to grant permission to use the gazebo. Vote: 3-0

Opioid Settlement – Contract with Cross Roads Recovery

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the contract with Crossroads Recovery in the amount of \$5,161.88 to be paid out of the Opioid Settlement Fund. Vote: 3-0

Architura – Invoices

There was discussion on the invoice presented from Architura in the amount of \$22,900. The invoice was for work done in April by subcontractors. The county attorney suggested that it could result in a lawsuit and should not be discussed in a public meeting. Kent Minnette said he would discuss the matter with the council’s attorney, Taylor Powell.

WEGA – Extension of Contract

The original contract was signed on October 17, 2022 for two years. There was some funding for the overall project that was delayed. WEGA is asking for an extension of time to October 16, 2025. Discussion was heard. The County Attorney suggested they table the decision until the next meeting as no decision had to be made until October 17. The County Attorney said he may have misunderstood. If the money, that has been appropriated in the 2024 budget, is not spent it would have to be added/appropriated to the 2025 budget. Tim said that we are not giving them any more money. A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the extension of the contract. Vote: 2-1
(Aaron Fruits vote against)

Transfer

Co General – Jail

From:	1000-0380-33500	Telephone	
To:	1000-0380-33600	Repair & Maint	\$1,500

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

E-911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana handed out information as to why she was asking for additional in the Overtime and Part time appropriation.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth gave an update on the remount it will probably not be completed until November or December. He said things were going well in their department. He is working on the Overtime schedule with Addie from Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele.

Emergency Management – Tina Holmes

Tim Shumaker asked about a burn ban due to the dry conditions. She will contact the fire departments as they are the ones to request it.

Council – Kelly Carlson

She asked about the bridge closing on SR 341. The timing is horrible. She has reached out to INDOT to see if they could delay it. She encouraged others to reach out and voice their concerns. She is also concerned about the wear and tear on the county roads, bridges and culverts.

Landfill – Roger Azar

He said that there is a ditch that needs repaired. It is holding water and affecting the walls. Greg will use money in the maintenance line item for the repair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Owens – She asked about the ARP fund. She asked about the deadline and if it was appropriated.

She also asked about the exact contract they are talking about with WEGA. There is a contract for the business incubator and with economic development.

Sarah Duensing asked why Rod Bannon could not talk about some of the projects since he is using county money. Tim explained that if it got out the developer may pull away from the area. He (Rod) is not involved with any of the housing developments in the city of Covington.

She also asked about the ambulance report of collections. Tim said that the ambulance is on target to re-coop approximately \$800,000 for the year. The ambulance budget was also discussed along with the reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. Sara asked if the report of collections could be available for public viewing. The Auditor will place them in the Commissioner meeting room before the meeting.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
October 7, 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

Aaron Fruits

Tim Shumaker

Colleen Chambers

ATTEST