

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 21, 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 October 7, 2024 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-176 (\$2,065,811.54) 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 Health Department and Recorder for September. Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for September 2024

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

ARCHITURA – Invoice #4636 \$22,900

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the payment of Invoice #4636 to Architura in the amount of \$22,900 as work was completed by May 1, 2024. Vote: 3-0

Advisory Plan Commission – Board Member Appointments

There was some discussion on the appointment of three board members to the advisory plan commission. The board needs to reappoint Sue Ann Anderson, Laura Bush and Jake McGraw.
Aaron Fruits made a motion to appoint Sue Ann Anderson, Laura Bush and Jake McGraw until the end of the year – December 31, 2024. Tim Shumaker seconded the vote. Vote: 3-0

Comprehensive Plan

Aaron Fruits asked that they wait until their November meeting to vote on the Comprehensive Plan recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission. No vote was taken. Vote: 3-0

Attica Library Board Appointment

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appointment Krista Reese to the Attica Library Board effective immediately. The term will end on June 1, 2026. She will be filling the unexpired term of Karen Truelove. Vote: 3-0

Transfers

Plan Commission

From:	1000-0079-33800	Postage	
To:	1000-0079-33262	Attorney Fees	\$1,135.00

Election Board

From:	1000-0062-22000	Office Supplies	
To:	1000-0062-33400	Printing/Advertising	\$465.89

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above transfers and send them onto council. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth went over the details of the ALS 360 Program and the EMS Plus program for equipment. The ALS 360 is a 10-year lease. They will replace all of the equipment. In five years, you can opt out or stay in the program. At the end of the 10-year period you will have the option to buy the equipment, which is to not exceed \$225,000. The EMS Plus program is a 7-year lease. They will come back at the end of 4 years and do a visual refresh of all of the equipment. At the end of the lease, there is an option for a \$1 buyout on the equipment. Both programs would lock in the prices for the new equipment for the term of the lease. The other option would be to continue as we are. He has a quote for some of the equipment and it is currently at \$205,000 with a price increase to come. The company has had price increases twice a year.

The Council needs a decision from the Commissioners so that they can decide if they can fund the chosen program.

Aaron Fruits wants to know how this is going to benefit the lease company – how are they going to make their money. He would like to see a contract before voting on it.

Tim Shumaker trusts the department heads to do what is best for their departments. It is up to the attorney to review the contracts.

Tim Shumaker made a motion to approve the program that the County Council is comfortable in funding contingent upon the review of the contract(s) by the county attorney. Brenda Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-1
(Aaron Fruits – Nay)

E-911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana explained that WTH Technology had applied for a grant for the Address Range Layer Creation and the ALI Database Comparison. It will be at no cost to the county. The amount of the grant is \$24,680.00. Warren County is also getting the same grant. They were filed separately.

Tim Shumaker made a motion to approve the proposal upon the attorney's approval of the contract. Aaron Fruits seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Dana also informed the Commissioners that she is fully staffed at the present time.

Highway – Jason Lewis

Jason said that he has received the salt and has it mixed. He is also getting the trucks ready for winter.

Roger Azar – Landfill

He said they have been doing some excavation work on the south and west ditch at the landfill

Jail – The foundation has been poured for the building that will house the grinder. The sewer pipes will go in next week.

Tim Shumaker asked if we could install brighter or more lights to the basement area. It is hard to see the steps especially with transition lenses. There was a mishap there last week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Owens thanked whoever took the tree out of the shrubbery on the Courthouse lawn.

Tammy Hinote said at the last meeting there were statements made about the social media posts. She said that she has been coming to the meetings. She may not like everything that is said and done or even what is passed. She is tired of the negative posts. She takes what is said to be true. If you are going to make comments, whether it is a difference of opinion or out of spite, please produce your proof. She said that we will not have good people run for public office, if we keep this up. We have to trust and work with the system.

Jeffery Marquez – Vacation of alleyway
He submitted his application for the vacation of an alleyway in Cates.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
November 4, 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

Louise Chambers
ATTEST