

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Lave – Neighbor/Trash burning

The Health Department and Sheriff's department have been notified. The Sheriff's department has visited the property. It is the same property that has had issues in the past. The County Attorney asked for a copy of the burn/trash ordinance to determine what action can be taken. The Covington Fire Department has also been out to the property and would like to be apprised of the situation.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 192 (\$629,207.72), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims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 (June & July) and Sheriff (August) Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2022.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for July, 2022. Vote: 3-0

SEALED BIDS – AMBULANCE

Bids were received from:

Donnelly/Horton Emergency Vehicles	\$328,029.00 \$10,000 Trade in Option
North Central Emergency Vehicles	\$326,487.00 \$2,000 Ford Rebate TBD \$4,200 Trade In on the 2000 F450

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept all bids for an ambulance. The Commissioners will take them under advisement and make a selection at the next meeting. Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

LIT – Public Safety

From:	1170-0005-10000	Social Security	
To:	1170-0005-10100	Elected Official	\$1,250.

Transfer is being requested due to the mid-year change in the Sheriff's Salary as per the Supreme Court of Indiana.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,250.00 as requested. Vote: 3-0

Reassessment

From:	1224-0000-33080	Website	
To:	1224-0000-33133	Pictometry	\$2,515.84

Transfer is being requested to pay the deposit for the flight over the county.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$2,515.84 as requested. Vote: 3-0

County General – Purdue Extension

From:	1000-0028-33000	Postage	
To:	1000-0028-33900	Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,600

This transfer is to cover the cost of the educator’s state due, IYI Kids count conference dues, PCARET and other miscellaneous dues that will come up the remaining of the year.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the request in the amount of \$1,600. Vote: 3-0

County General – Custodian

From:	1000-0172-22060	Janitorial Supplies	
To:	1000-0172-33690	Elevator/Chair Lift	\$2250

Transfer being requested to cover an invoice from Kone on the repair of the Wheel Chair Lift.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the request in the amount of \$2,250. Vote: 3-0

County General – Jail

From:	1000-0380-22020	Towel, Linen, Etc	
To:	1000-0380-22550	Inmate Personal Hygiene	\$700

From:	1000-0380-22090	Laundry	
To:	1000-0380-22081	Kitchen	\$1800

Due to increase in prices, they do not have enough to carry them through the 2022 budget.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the request in the amount of \$2,500. Vote: 3-0

MVH – Restricted

From:	1173-0000-22320	Gravel	
To:	1173-0000-44101	Equipment	\$8,032.00

Transfer being requested to cover the lease payment for the 2 new Graders in the amount of \$111,361.90.

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

HEALTH DEPT – Payment of Claims for Equipment

They want to purchase 2 filing cabinets using the Covid Grant. The Commissioners would like for them to hold off buying anything until after the joint meeting between the 2 counties.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels**

Garth requested the following transfer:

Co General (Ambulance)

From:	1000-0301-14000 Overtime	
To:	1000-0301-16000 Vac/Sick	\$20,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the request in the amount of \$20,000. Vote: 3-0

It has been a month since they took up the floor in the kitchen area to address the septic system issues. There have not been any issues but would like a final camera to go down and confirm that the issue has been resolved. They would move forward on pouring the concrete to repair the floor. New tiles will have to be laid as well as a thorough cleaning. He has received 3 quotes from:

- Patton's
- Danville Flooring
- Tim Roehmer

He has received one quote for the cleaning from Newton's Cleaning Service.

They still have a medic position open. They have not had anyone apply. He is proposing that the County look at bringing back the retention program for continuing education in exchange for years of service. There is a hybrid online class available which is \$6,500 - \$8,000 per student. Hopefully, this would entice employees to stay.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Currently, there is 64 in the Jail, 22 of which are out of county. They are also proposing that the handbook be amended to include after 20 years of employment, you would receive a 5th week of vacation. The Commissioners agree that the handbook needs to be updated.

Also, the last day for the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Fountain Central High School is this Friday. They will need a new Full Time SRO there. The school would like to pay 75% and the County pay 25% of the salary for an officer to be in the school. It would cost the county roughly \$18,000 for their portion. Argument is, if they do for one, they would need to do it for all, but Fountain Central is the only rural school in the county. The commissioners are split on their opinion of the situation.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

The regulations from the Federal Motor Carrier Services changed in February of 2022 to require all employees operating commercial vehicles to have to have a CDL A or B. This is also a requirement of the County.

The 4-week class to acquire a CDL B is \$3500 and a CDL A is \$4500. He is proposing that the county pay for the class as an incentive for potential hirings and to keep employees for an extended period of time.

Also, the highway garage is still not a safe environment for air quality. He was asked to get a quote for having an air quality test done and did get one in the amount of \$6,000 but the commissioners and Roger Azar of Deckard Engineering, believe that the test is going to show what they already know. At one time, they had received a quote for a new exhaust system. The cost was more than what they anticipated and talk of a new building ensued.

Tim Shumaker commented that a new building should be addressed at the start of the new year and the current building be used for storage.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

She was visited by Family Search to digitalize all of the marriage and probate records. She has signed the consent to participate as it is free service.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

IDEM will be inspecting the landfill on September 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Bell's Excavating is working on the reconstruction.

Courthouse Cleaning - Tabled

The commissioners received a quote from a cleaning company in the amount of \$9,000 for an initial cleaning and \$800 per week for maintenance. The company also cleans the Warren County Courthouse, banks and individual homes. The question arose whether or not it was better to hire a full-time custodian instead of contracting it out. Some departments have concerns with people in their offices after hours; no one here all day to clean up spills; or for everyday things that happen. When there were 2 part time employees, they split their time so that someone was here at all times of the day.

Rob Roy Covered Bridge

The friends of Rob Roy Covered Bridge would like to have a celebration on October 15, 2022 on the bridge. They will be serving breakfast on the bridge. Parking will be available at the bowling alley. They would like to have the bridge closed starting October 13th. The Commissioners gave their approval.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

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ATTEST

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker
