

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 19, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of December 5, 2022 meeting as presented.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1- 253 (\$322,296.78) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve all Claims.

Vote: 2-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk, Health Dept and Recorder for the month of November.

Vote: 2-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for November, 2022

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for November, 2022.

Vote: 2-0

C.A.R.S. Grant – Grant Closeout

Public Hearing opened at 9:00 a.m.

Casey Spencer of C.A.R.S. gave a brief overview of the grant and what it was used for. It benefited the Shawnee Learning Center.

Hearing Closed at 9:02 a.m.

Art Council – Jim Hegg seeking permission to use the atrium for an event in regards to the historic Clerk's office.

The Art Council would like to use the atrium on Sunday, January 15, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Tim Shumaker made a motion to allow the use of the atrium. Brenda Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

RESOLUTION 2022-41 – RECOGNIZING PORNOGRAPHY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD IN FOUNTAIN COUNTY

Several citizens spoke in favor of the proposed resolution and shared their concerns. Tim Shumaker stated that he would like to have the new Health officer look over the resolution and get his input. He will begin his duties on January 1, 2023. Tim promised to bring the resolution to a vote in a future meeting.

CITY OF ATTICA – Petition to Cancel Tax Debt

Attica is requesting to remove taxes, penalties & interest from Parcel 23-04-06-310-039.000-008 in the amount of \$425.56. The taxes have accrued since the purchase of the property by the City of Attica.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve Resolution 2022-44 – A Resolution Approving the Cancellation of Property Tax Debt for Property Owned by the City of Attica, Indiana.

Vote: 2-0

2385 E SR 234 Property – Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims (Parcel No. 23-17-31-101-001.000-005)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the settlement agreement for the SR 234 property. Vote: 2-0

Roger Azar will be getting a contamination report on the property. He needs two weeks to complete the task. It will cost approximately \$600. When the property is sold the buyer must tear down all of the buildings on the property.

Ordinance 2202-4 ADOPTING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT POLICY

It was the first reading of Ordinance 2202-4. It will be voted on in January.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS – Filling Vacancies

The Commissioners appointed Cheryl Harshbarger, Linda Croft and George Deel to Cain Township Board; Vicky Jordan to Logan Township Board; Ruth Ann Shoaf, Catherine Ratcliff, and Mike Parrett to Millcreek Township Board; Melissa Bible, Jerry Quirk and Kelly Krug to the Richland Township Board and Steve Mrockiewicz to the Shawnee Township Board.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept all board members mentioned above. Vote: 2-0

Davis and Fulton Township both need a member.

Letter of Commitment/Memorandum of Understanding – Childcare Greater Lafayette Community & Economic Development Foundation

Brenda stated that there are 1,300 children in Fountain County. There are 802 of those that need childcare. Currently there are 144 spots available for childcare. There is a definite need in Fountain County. A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to sign the letter of commitment for childcare with the READI grant in the amount of \$23,950 per year for 3 years. Vote: 2-0

The Commissioners also signed a letter of commitment for housing giving the City of Covington and the City of Attica each \$749,460 for "shovel" ready housing projects. This is no cost to the County.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He informed the Commissioners that they would be participating in a Medicare review. Their agency was one of the chosen ones for data collection to see if adequate amounts were being paid by Medicare to cover costs. He stated that this is not an investigation but rather a collection of data. If we do not participate, we will receive a 10% reduction in Medicare benefits paid toward our services. They will collect data for all of 2023 and report in early 2024.

SHERIFF – They had a meeting with the Town of Veedersburg recently in regards to the debris in the septic. DA Dodd said the grinder is not working correctly. A strainer needs to be installed and will cost approximately \$100,000.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

They are preparing for a potential storm on Thursday/Friday. He will be meeting with the schools and other departments on Wednesday. They have

6 new plow drivers. He is not sure they will be able to keep up with the blowing as forecasted.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

They are working with the County Attorney to amend to the Ordinances to read Fountain County Health Department instead of Fountain Warren Health Department.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

She reported that she had an employee on lunch and was eating in the office at their desk. Another department that has access to the security cameras called the office. They told the employee to pick up. She would like the camera removed or blocked.

CORONER – Joshua Whittington

The Covington School Corporation has refused to do the "Every 15 Minute" Program. He has contacted Southeast Fountain and is waiting to hear from them.

LANDFILL – Roger Azar

Roger reported that Greg Robison has done a good job on the wells at the landfill. We have received the permit for the compost at the Recycling center. He is working on the property description to remove the plot of ground that the tower sits on from the current property description.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting. Vote: 2-0

Cecilia Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Tim Shumaker
