

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Paul Bowman

Paul Bowman publicly thanked the County Highway Department for their recent work on S. Silver Island Road and C R 170.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 202 (\$197,095.98), Payroll and Unpublished Claims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, Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of December. Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for December 2022.

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

Annual Jail Report & Commissary Report

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge and accept the Annual Jail Report and Commissary Report for 2022. Vote: 3-0

ENCUMBRANCE

County General – Commissioners

Requesting to encumber \$212,114.01 from line item 1000-0068-44901 Capital Outlay for the Close Out Invoice on the Community Crossing Grant. A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to encumber \$212,114.01 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

LIT – Public Safety (Sheriff)

Requesting to encumber \$11,565.52 from line item 1170-0005-22030 multiple invoices for gas, tires and lube. A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to encumber \$11,565.52 and send it to Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER

MVH- Maintenance & Repair

From:	1176-0531-22300	Salt	
To:	1176-0531-22320	Gravel	\$866.80

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

County Alcohol & Drug - TABLED

From: 1104-0000-33801 Education & Prevention
To: 1104-0000-33870 Placement & Detention \$10,000

Resolution 2023-1 – County Commissioners of Fountain County, Indiana Supporting, Senate Bill No. 12 & Efforts to Close Loopholes in Criminal Statutes to Protect Minors from Dissemination of Harmful Materials.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above Resolution 2023-1. Vote: 3-0

ORDINANCE ADOPTING FOUNTAIN COUNTY TRAVEL POLICY – ORDINANCE 2023-2

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to adopt Ordinance 2023-2 Adopting Fountain County Travel Policy. Vote: 3-0

SR 234 Property

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claim for the property on SR 234. Vote: 3-0

EMAIL ADDRESSES - IN.GOV

Brad Keller is suggesting we switch our email and go thru the State with their program. Our current system has been problematic and outdated for several years. The .gov domain will have enhanced security and helps when applying for grants thru the State and Federal level.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow Keller PC to go with the .gov domain. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth handed out information on the runs from the last 5 years. They have consistently increased. He had 3,014 runs for an average of 8.26 per day for 2022. The collections are down for 2022 as Keri and Jeff were both sick at the end of the year.

He stated that NSure is working well. They had a 100% return on the last bills that were turned into them.

He is expecting the Medicaid reimbursement to be approximately \$6,000 and should be here within 60 days.

He is currently down 2 EMTs that are on FMLA and 1 paramedic. He needs to fill that position. There will be 2 people getting their paramedic licenses in Indiana soon. There will also be 11 EMT students graduating by the 1st of March. He is hoping to obtain a couple from that class.

He has not received any new information on the new ambulances.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

He handed out a list of projects that he hopes to do for 2023 to the Commissioners. He also handed out a bid from Great Lakes Chloride for calcium chloride to be put on gravel roads in front of homes to keep the dust down. The cost of the product and application will be passed onto the homeowner at 100%.

Jason gave the Commissioners a copy of the surplus equipment that he would like to sell at a County Auction. Matt Perry will handle the sale, advertising and signage.

He also asked if the highway secretary could have access to the Low Financials. He also asked if invoices could be paid by ACH. Jason had been working with Roger and the Plan Commission on the process and the permits for the County Highway Department. It is ready for the Commissioners to review. The County Attorney said the permitting process will have to go through the standard ordinance procedures. Jason will be getting quotes on a new salt barn.

CORONER – Josh Whittington

He informed the Commissioners that there is pending new legislation to stop a larger county from billing smaller counties for autopsies. He had 10 scenes in January and 3 autopsies have been done.

EMA – Joe Whittington

The new flood plan maps are completed and he will be sending them out soon. He will also email the study report to the Commissioners.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison/Roger Azar

Bell’s Excavating has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$65,000 to clear concrete from the landfill. He will not be grinding the concrete. He will be breaking up the concrete for future grinding and removing the metal. He will also dispose of all trees and tires. Roger suggested that we negotiate with IMPA to recover some of the money spent as we will be clearing the property that they are proposing to purchase. Tom Booe toured the site with Roger and Greg. He was very impressed with how the landfill was being handled.

COUNCIL

Tom Booe asked about the permitting process for driveways to manage the drainage and flooding of the roadways. He asked if this would affect the driveways already established in the county. They will be grandfathered in.

CLERK – Patty Smith

Patty has received a \$700.00 credit from Know Ink. In the near future, the Child Support collection will be all on line using Invest. All payments collected will have to be ACH’s to the State and on the same day as collected. There is also a \$35.00 collection fee per transaction. She will need to talk with ONB and the treasurer to see what can be worked out. She stated that they will basically be out of the child support business in June.

ASSESSOR – Melissa Griffin

She stated that she will be having a contract coming soon with Master’s Touch for the outsourcing of the Form 11’s. It will be around \$7,000. It is currently costing around \$5,800 but this figure does not include paper and envelopes. They will do all of the stuffing.

COMMISSIONERS

Tim Shumaker updated everyone on Senate Bill 4 in regards to the funding of the local Health Departments. This bill would increase the funding by 20 times what is being received at the present time. The local health departments will most likely be ran by the State and local officials will have little to no say in the operations.

MCDONALD DRAIN – Roger Azar

Roger has had conversations with the DNR in regards to the McDonald Drain. DNR has informed him that they we will not have to go through the permitting process if we do the repair work from the bank of the swamp area. He will need 3 bids for the scope of the work.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to allow Roger to start the bidding process for the project on the McDonald Drain.

Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to close the meeting.

Vote: 3-0

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker