

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-174 (\$284,656.89)

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 Dept., Recorder and Sheriff for the month of April. Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for April, 2023

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for April, 2023. Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for April, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

DES Engineering Retainer Agreement

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the agreement with DES Engineering as presented. Vote: 3-0

Region 4 Workforce Board

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to sign the Region 4 County Chief Elected Officials Agreement. The Agreement covers the time period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027. Vote: 3-0

Centrex Service Order & ISDN Prime Service

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve and sign the Order for Centrex Service and the Order for ISDN Prime Service. These orders are good for 36 months. Vote: 3-0

Tax Sale Services Support Addendum

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Tax Sale Service Support Addendum with SRI for the Tax Sale to be held on October 3, 2023. Vote: 3-0

ANNEX – RFPQ approval

Upon reviewing the RFPQ for bids on the remodel of the Annex a motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the RFPQ contingent upon Kent Minnette’s review. Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER

Commissioners
From: 1112-0068-33000 Postage
To: 1112-0068-33400 Printing & Advertising \$1,000

Requesting transfer to cover plat books and future publication invoices.

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

Health Department (1159)

From: 1159-0000-33603 Housekeeping Maint/Repair
 To: 1159-0000-33490 Liability Insurance \$27.80

This represents the shortage in the cost of the liability insurance for 2023. A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer and send it to the Council. Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

LIT – PUBLIC SAFETY

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|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1170-0005-11000 | Adm of Records | \$2,002 | |
| 1170-0005-10110 | Transport Officer | \$909 | |
| 1170-0005-10155 | Sheriff Retirement | \$94,900 | |
| | Total | | \$97,811 |

ACCIDENT REPORT

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| 1101-0005-11000 | Adm of Records | \$316 |
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SHERIFF’S PENSION TRUST

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| 1193-0005-10155 | Sheriff Retirement | \$10,000 |
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COUNTY GENERAL

Emergency Management

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| 1000-0361-10409 | Deputy Director | \$647 |
| 1000-0361-33570 | Code Red/Weather | \$5,500 |

Ambulance

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| 1000-0301-10403 | Asst Director | \$4,645 |
| 1000-0301-15800 | Paramedics | \$22,000 |

Jail

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| 1000-0380-10102 | Matron | \$1,616 |
| 1000-0380-10107 | Deputy Matron | \$1,492 |

Circuit Court

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| 1000-0232-33401 | Expert Witness | \$5,000 |
| 1000-0232-10602 | Adm Asst Probation | \$2,425 |
| 1000-0232-33980 | Jury Fees | \$5,000 |

Plan Commission

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| 1000-0079-33250 | Consulting Fees | \$40,022 |
| 1000-0079-30160 | Meeting | \$750 |
| 1000-0079-33800 | Education/Training | \$3,000 |

Commissioners

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| 1000-0068-44901 | Capital Outlay (CCMG 2023-1) | \$250,000 | |
| 1000-0068-33921 | Econ Development – Contract | \$250,000 | |
| | Total - County General | | \$592,097 |

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| 1175-0380-22020 | Operating Supplies | \$5,000 |
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MVH

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| 1176-0531-33964 | Lease Rental – Enterprise | \$43,360 | |
| 1176-0531-22380 | Culverts | \$135,000 | |
| | Total - MVH | | \$178,360 |

MVH Restricted

1173-0000-33964 Lease Rental – Enterprise \$43,360

LIT-Special Purpose

1114-0000-44901 Capital Outlay (Jail – Grinder) \$500,000

E-911

1222-0000-14000 Overtime \$20,000

CCD

1138-0068-33625 Childcare-READI Grant \$23,950

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve all additional requests and send on to Council. Vote: 3-0

CADES COVERED BRIDGE – Carol Freese & Henry Schmitt

Carol Freese introduced Tom Fletcher of the Indiana Historic Landmarks Association. He stated that they have provided financial and moral support for the project along with being a cheerleader. The covered bridge is one of the 10 most endangered landmarks in the State of Indiana. He supports the County Historical Society for identifying the significance of the bridge for Fountain County and the State of Indiana.

Henry Schmitt asked that the County commit \$180,000 for the restoration of the bridge as per VS Engineering. They will seek private funding for the remainder. Henry went to the Council last Monday and received a commitment from the Council. Approximately \$145,000 was pledged from the Cumulative Bridge Fund and \$36,000 from the Cum Capital Development Fund. VS Engineering will handle the advertising for the bids.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the request for \$180,000 for the Cade’s Covered Bridge.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth reported that the flooring had been laid in the EMS building. He may want to paint the walls at a later date.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

They were repairing some pipe on River Road and came across a structure with a hole. They will pour concrete to repair, which will result in the road being closed from May 16 to May 19. He also reported that USI has prepared the notice for bids on Bridge #54 on Scottsdale Road. The bids will be opened on June 5, 2023 at the Commissioner’s meeting. He had received some questions in regards to a cemetery. Kent advised him to refer the individual to the township trustee.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

Jenny stated that the Governor’s Health Bill passed (SEA 4 Public Health). She will be receiving the amounts that the county could potentially receive today. She stated that everything is running smoothly.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

Greg informed the Commissioners that Bell’s Excavating has completed the work at the landfill and it has been seeded. Greg will be working on rolling the caps and moving concrete out of the right of way.

CLERK – Patty Smith

Patty will certify the election results later today. There was a very low voter turnout. Covington, Attica, Hillsboro and Kingman will be having their municipal elections on even years beginning in 2024.

DES ENGINEERING - Roger Azar

He reported that there is a trailer at Lake Hideaway in the fringes on the flood zone area. He said the county has two options. 1) They could issue an elevation certificate, which is approximately \$2,000. This may not help the owner and could put him back in the same place that he started. 2) The Owner could present the County with a letter of indemnification. The owner would take all responsibility if the area were to flood.

McDonald Drain – Roger Azar

McDonald Drain has been repaired and looks very nice. It did come in about \$2,000 under budget because they did not have to move the soil that was taken from the ditch. The farmers allowed it to be left in their fields. The county has been invoiced for the repair.

Sale of County Farm (16 acres) and SR 234 Property

Kent stated that they have started the title work on both properties. However, there is an encroachment issue with the County Farm property. They are working on fixing it but it will not be completed before the sale on May 19. Therefore, he suggested that the county suspend the sale until this issue is resolved.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker to suspend the sale of both properties until the encroachment issue is resolved. Andrew Hall seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE

June 5, 2023

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

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Tim Shumaker