

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 19, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present for the meeting: Aaron Fruits and Tim Shumaker. Brenda Hardy was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of August 5, 2024 as presented. Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-161 (\$563,616.52) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve all claims. Vote: 2-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for July. Vote: 2-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2024

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for July, 2024. Vote: 2-0

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for July 2024 along with the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 2-0

Additional Requests

CG-Commissioners

1000-0068-12000	Health Insurance	\$200,000
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Ambulance

1000-0301-14000	Overtime	\$200,000
1000-0301-22501	Gas & Oil	\$15,000
1000-0301-22410	Medical Supplies	\$20,000

MVH

1176-0531-39600	Lease Rental #3	\$54,464
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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the additional requests and send it onto the Council. Vote: 2-0

JRAC – Opioid Settlement

The Opioid Settlement Committee has met. They would like to offer a grant to Johnny's House for improvements and to Crossroads to provide workbooks and programs to the inmates. These grants will come from the Restricted and Unrestricted Opioid Settlement funds.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the recommendations as presented. Vote: 2-0

Health Dept Building Lease – Jenny Eads

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the lease agreement for the office space lease agreement between the Fountain County Health Department and Hall Electric Inc. Vote: 2-0

Wabash River Blueway Project – Letter of Support

Dale White of the Western Indiana Community Foundation is seeking a letter of support for the Wabash River Blueway Project for a Lilly Endowment Grant. They have made it to the second round out of 92 requests. There is no county contribution.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to give a letter of support for the Wabash River Blueway Project for the implementation grant. Vote: 2-0

Clerk – Patty Smith

CrowdStrike Consent Agreement – IOT

Aaron Fruits would like to pass on the agreement with CrowdStrike. They were hacked but it did not affect Fountain County. Patty recommends getting CISA (Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency) to come and inspect our systems. They would inspect it for free and make recommendations. She is 100% confident in our security. She fielded questions about paper ballots to stop fraud. She also explained how our current voting system works to prevent fraud. She encourages everyone to come to the public test to be held on September 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Courthouse.

A motion was made by Aaron Fruits and seconded by Tim Shumaker to reject the CrowdStrike Agreement. Vote: 2-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

They received the second ambulance last week. He is still working on the overtime and the scheduling.

County Highway – Jason Lewis

He would like to apply for a Federal Highway Safety Grant. It is a 90/10 matching grant. It is for signage and striping of the roadways. USI will help Jason in the application process for \$6,000. Jason said that he has this amount in his budget. The County has applied for this grant in the past, approximately in 2010 or 2012. It would be a part of the 2026 Budget. He will be talking with a company to look at the work on the chip and seal projects on how to fog seal. This process will make it last longer.

He asked permission to start a Facebook page for the County Highway Department so that he could get information out to the public. He will talk with the County Attorney later today.

Jason also was asked about the portion of Stringtown Road between the railroad bridge and the intersection of Dixie Bee. He said this is not a part of the county inventory and is not our road.

E-911- Dana Stonebraker

She is fully staffed. She has a part time person and will possibly have another in the near future.

Roger Azar – Corner Stone Perpetuation

In a recent meeting, a question was asked about the corner perpetuation fund. There is approximately \$178,000 in the fund and accrues about \$15,000, on average, per year in revenue. He would like to know if the Commissioners would like for him to pursue bids for this project. The Commissioners were agreeable to bid out the project.

