

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 18, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Freese appreciated and thanked the Highway Department for taking care of the brush and debris around the Wallace Covered Bridge.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 129 (\$213,048.73) and Payroll Claims

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

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

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for June, 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

June Report of Collections – as submitted:

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk, Recorder & Sheriff Dept for the month of June. Vote: 3-0

Tree Removal and Trimming

Bellinger’s Tree Service	\$4,400
Slider’s Tree Service	\$4,400

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote from Sliders to remove the tree in the front of the courthouse and one on the south side, stumps and trim all remaining trees on the Courthouse lawn in the amount of \$ 4,400. Vote: 3-0

Town Of Hillsboro Agreement (ARPA Funds)

The Auditor has requested that more specific/additional verbiage be used within the agreement to include but not limited to invoices being turned in at the least monthly to the Auditor’s office for reporting purposes. The County Attorney will be making these adjustments.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the Hillsboro Agreement with the added specifications. Vote: 3-0

Health Dept/Board – Discussion

There have been 7 people asked to join the new Fountain County Health Board for 2023. They will be conducting interviews for the Fountain County Health Department positions starting with the current employees, if they wish to stay with Fountain County.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint the following people to the Fountain County Health Board:

Mike Hohenstein, Bailey Beasley, Ryan Sowers, Kendal Buker, Linda Knecht, Amanda Strawser, Ruth Niccum. Dan Hesler was appointed as Medical Director. Vote: 3-0

County Farm

They are still waiting on the 2nd appraisal for the part of the land to be sold off. They can not sell the land until there is an average of the 2 appraisals.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth updated the Commissioners on the drain issue. They will put plywood or steel over the repair for a couple of weeks to determine if it fixed the problem before pouring concrete. They are hoping that the construction process doesn't take very long, but if it does, they will have to have another location to use in the meantime. Maple Corner may be an option.

They also received \$1,400 back on the reductant heater. It has been receipted back into the repair line item.

Andrew Hall asked if he knew how many people have benefitted from having the PHI Helicopter program. Garth will reach out to PHI to see if they have the requested information.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

She would like to hire a full-time person to fill the part time Voter Registration position. It is very hard to fill the part time position because of the hours and pay.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Full Time Voter Registration position.

Vote: 3-0

EMA – Joe Whitaker

The 3 Tornado Sirens in the southern part of the County are not functioning. He is collecting quotes to see how much it would be to get them fixed or replaced. He has some parts to make repairs.

A motion was made Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to give Joe Whitaker the authority to spend up to \$10,000 out of Capital Outlay to repair the Sirens.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

The squatter on the property on 234 has been served papers to remove himself from the premises by 6 a.m. today. The bank is going to change the locks. He will be trespassing after 6 a.m. today.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

He has gotten 2 quotes for the Salt Barn.

Greystone: \$202,770.00 includes everything

Clear Span: \$74,151.00 only for the building. Everything else is extra and will have to be bid separately.

The County Attorney has stated that since the project will be over \$150,000 so the formal bidding process will have to take place.

Chip and seal will be starting and pea gravel has been hauled in.

He will be meeting with Chuck Skulley later on today about the extended warranty issues.

Rob Roy Bridge is closed.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

He received a bid from Darryl Bell from Bell's Excavating. It is in the amount of \$49,000 with a 15% contingency to be added to the total due for any unknown subsurface condition. Maximum amount would be \$56,350.00.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote of \$49,000 and potentially 15% increase based on the maintenance agreement in place with Bell's Excavating.

Vote: 3-0

The lab also has submitted to the state that testing no longer needs to be done based on the low chemical numbers. Tim shared that IMPA called and is interested in purchasing 10 acres of the landfill to put a solar farm on in the future.

SHERIFF – Andrew Krout

There are currently 75 inmates. Everything else is going well.

Commissioners Updates

Barry Ritter would like to meet with Fountain and Warren County to discuss the 911 Interlocal Agreement. The Commissioners suggested a special joint meeting with the Warren County Commissioners and Council to answer questions and work out details. At this meeting, they would also like to discuss the Health Department.

An Architect has come to Maple Corner and measured the first floor. He will be back next week to do the rest.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 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

Coleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Tim Shumaker