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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 03, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting: Aaron Fruits and KW Rice. Tim Shumaker was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of February 18, 2025.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-116 (\$203,418.57), Unpublished and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve all claims.

Vote: 2-0

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

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for December 2024, January 2025 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.

Vote: 2-0

Veedersburg Planning Commission

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint Deidre Bentley to the Veedersburg Planning Commission.

Vote: 2-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway- Jason Lewis

Jason had their contract for Bridge 202 that he presented to be signed by the Commissioners. They opened the bids today for CC. They have an on-call agreement with USI. This is \$49,000. Jason has letters of interest for bridge inspections. He brought a folder for the Commissioners to look over. Bridge inspection information have increased about \$15,000, but this was already put in the budget. He has met with Samsara and passed out information on their company. They are a Fleet management service. The first year would be \$9,800 and the next 2 years would be \$9,400. This is a 3-year contract. The highway does have money in equipment in 1169. He passed out the information. The highway department has been doing some grading on the roads.

Sheriff - Terry Holt

Sheriff Holt stated that the construction is going on over at the jail.

Andrew Krout discussed the additional Holiday pay for the Sheriff, Jail, Ambulance and 911. He gave some figures regarding the Sheriff and Jail. 4 deputies at 6 extra days for Sheriff would be \$3,888. On the jail side it would be 9 officers and an increase of \$8,748.

Bids

CC Bids were received from Ruth Riley and Milestone. A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the bids and forward to Jason Lewis.

Ruth Riley was \$1,937,073.75.

Milestone was 1,928,338.00

Vote: 2-0

Commissioner's Room/Auditor's Office

There were 2 bids were received regarding the construction and 2 bids for the electrical for the Commissioner's Room/Auditor's Office.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the bid from Slider Tree Service for \$21,800.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the bid from Ricketts Electric for \$8,000.

Vote: 2-0

EMA – Tina Holmes

Tina Holmes would like to have the EMA building painted. She has gotten a quote from Marc Dewlen for \$5,285.00. This will come out of the EMA budget.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the bid from Marc Dewlen.

Tina Holmes would also like to have water at the EMA building. A bid has been submitted from Cheesman, Inc. for \$6,000.00. She does not have this in her budget.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to accept the bid from Cheesman, Inc.

Vote: 2-0

PUBLIC COMMENT**Sue Anderson-**

Sue Anderson said that she has heard there are now 4 vacancies on the APC board. There is one position that has to be filled by the Purdue Extension office, 2 are democratic seats, and 1 is a republican seat. The Commissioners and Council have been discussing and are looking into the best way to get these positions filled. She asked if this would be on the website. She would also like to have the Public Hearings advertised on the website. This meeting was advertised in the Fountain County Neighbor. The Commissioners will look into possibly getting an app for county information. The public can also sign up on Fountain County alerts through the EMA office.

Bill Brewer

Bill Brewer would like to see Sue Anderson put back on the APC Board. He believes we need people with experience.

Deidre Bentley

She asked how this would affect her client who is working on the rezoning. The Commissioners believe they will be able to have the seats filled very soon.

There was an issue with a subdivision in Veedersburg. The rezoning administrator is also working for the developer. Some of the public believe this is a conflict of interest. They would like to make the Commissioners aware of the situation.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MONDAY
MARCH 17, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to close the meeting.

Vote: 2-0

