

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan McDonald

He was requesting an update on the Hillsboro Sewer Project. They need an additional \$170,000 - \$180,000 to finish the project due to the increase in pipe. Alan McDonald will be putting in the line from the road to his property at his expense. It was suggested by Brenda Hardy to have an ARPA committee meeting. Tim Shumaker said a decision needs to be made.

Andrew Hall made a motion to allow \$170,000 for the Hillsboro Sewer Project upon the contingency that it is approved by the Council. Vote: 3-0

Jon Schrock – Proposed Resolution 2022-41 Recognizing Pornography as a Public Health Hazard in Fountain County.

The Commissioner's gave each person in attendance a chance to present their argument for or against the Resolution. Those who spoke were: Jon Schrock, Michael Hunt, Linda Reynolds, Joe Emmerich, John Graves, Dusty Woodrow, Paula Copenhaver, Larry Reynolds, Steve Hamilton, Sally Hamilton, Josh Whittington, Paul Bowman and Paula Hunt.

Andrew Hall made a motion to table the Resolution until the December 19, 2022 Commissioner meeting. Tim Shumaker seconded the motion.
Vote: 3-0

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting as presented.
Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 203 (\$556,723.83), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims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 Sheriff for November.
Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for October, 2022

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

SMART CONTRACTORS INC – Snow Removal

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to execute a service agreement between the County and Smart Contractors for snow removal in the amount of \$245 each for salting the sidewalks, lots and driveways during slick conditions and \$235 each for snow removal on the sidewalks as prepared by the County Attorney. Vote: 3-0

TITLE VI/ADA COMPLIANCE

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Title VI/ADA Compliance for Fountain County. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

SOIL & WATER – Lori Jordan

Lori informed the Commissioners that there was a field fire at the County Farm on October 28, 2022. There was approximately ½ acre that was a total loss. The amount will be deducted from the year end billing.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis & Travis Covault

The capital asset plan (bridges) has been submitted to LTAP and approved. The plans for Bridge #66 have been turned in for review on the Federal Bridge project. The base of the road for CR 775 E has been installed. They will go back in a few weeks to cover with rock. Travis stated there were several signs blown down over the weekend due to the high winds.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

She was inquiring about the County Health Ordinances. The name needs to be changed to Fountain County Health Department. The fees will not change. The County Attorney will amend them and have them for the next Commissioner meeting.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

As per statute, the Commissioners must appoint members to the vacant seats on Township Trustee Boards for each. This needs to be done by December 31, 2022. The Auditor will send notice to the paper. The Commissioners will appoint members at their next Commissioner meeting.

Paula's term ends December 31, 2022 she would like to buy her current computer that is over 5 years old. Paula offered to purchase it for \$50.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to declare the computer as surplus and dispose of it. Vote: 3-0

The lock on the back door to the Clerk's office is not working. There is no access to the voter registration office. She also feels that there are too many keys floating around and would like to have all of her doors re-keyed.

There will be a Swearing in Ceremony on December 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

**A DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING WILL FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING ON
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to close the meeting. Vote: 3-0

Courtney Cerambee
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Tim Shumaker