

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**James Hunter** – His property is located in Riverside. His road is not being maintained by the County as it is not on the road inventory. It has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners and the Highway Superintendent. A copy of the map of his property/road was given to the Auditor's office and will be gone over to find when the road was taken off the inventory and if it should be reinstated.

**Scott Garrett** – He has been working with the County Highway Superintendent to see what would be needed to get his road in better shape. They have used Calcium Chloride, but it doesn't last long. He would like to see if there is a better long-term solution like chip and seal. He is willing to pay for the first mile, which is \$11,000 and 30% of the first maintenance. The Commissioners would like to see something in writing specifying the details of the agreement.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1- 206 (\$433,522.17), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims**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 the Sheriff (Oct). Vote: 3-0

**Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for September 2022**

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

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

**Co General – Election Board**

From:	1000-0062-33130	Travel/Mileage	
To:	1000-0062-33810	Seminars/Conference	\$125

Requesting transfer to keep from having a negative balance.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$125. Vote: 3-0

**Co General – Auditor**

From:	1000-0002-33000	Postage	
To:	1000-0002-33300	Travel/Mileage	\$1,000

Requesting transfer to keep travel/mileage from having negative balance.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,000. Vote: 3-0

**Co General – Commissioners**

From:	1000-0068-44101	Equipment	
To:	1000-0068-33490	Liability Insurance	\$1,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,000. Vote: 3-0

**Co General – Ambulance**

From:	1000-0301-33600	Repair & Maintenance	
To:	1000-0301-33550	Utilities	\$1,300

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,300. Vote: 3-0

**Co General – Jail**

From:	1000-0380-33922	Towels, Linens & Clothing	
To:	1000-0380-22081	Kitchen	\$493.23

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$493.23. Vote: 3-0

**CEDIT – Co Commissioners**

From:	1112-0068-33922	Econ Dev Travel Mileage	\$1,758.10
	1112-0068-33890	Donations	\$2,241.90
To:	1112-0068-33920	Econ Development Dues	\$4,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$4,000. Vote: 3-0

**Cumulative Reassessment**

From:	1224-0000-33080	Website	
To:	1224-0000-33300	Travel	\$4,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$4,000. Vote: 3-0

**Infraction Deferral**

From:	2400-0000-33380	Project Pullover	
To:	2400-0000-33740	Prosecution Equipment	\$50.00

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$50.00. Vote: 3-0

**LIT Public Safety – Sheriff**

From:	1170-0005-10802	Deputy 7	\$1,006.80
	1170-0005-10901	Deputy 8	\$3,666.80
To:	1170-0005-14000	Overtime	\$4,673.60

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer in the amount of \$4,673.60. Vote: 3-0

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST**

LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – Sheriff		
1170-0005-11000	Admin of Records	\$2,200

An error was made in the calculation of the amount needed in this line item for 2022 as approved by the Council. The mix up was due the fact that the pay for this position was taken from 3 different funds in previous year and Council approved the pay out of just two funds for 2022.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional request in the amount of \$2,200. Vote: 3-0

**KJG Architecture – BOT Agreement TABLED**  
**County Attorney is still going over the Agreement**

**Capital Asset Reporting – Peterson Consulting**

Auditor has contacted Jon Peterson of Peterson Consulting on the reporting of the capital assets for the Annual Financial Report. He has agreed to contract with the county in the amount of \$7,750. They will gather information and determine an amount for our infrastructure, buildings, software/books and all other assets.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the agreement with Peterson Consulting in the amount of \$7,750 contingent on the County Attorney's review of the agreement. Vote: 3-0

**SECURE Regulatory Amendment to Retirement Plan**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to amend the retirement plan due to SECURE Regulatory. Vote: 3-0

**PHI Cares Agreement**

Based on the last census, we are up eight (8) households, which is reflected in the new agreement.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the agreement in the amount of \$48,874.00 for 2023. Vote: 3-0

**USI – Ben Beer**

Discuss on-call duties for USI to perform – Authorization to Proceed  
 A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Authorization to Proceed for Bridge #66, Asset Management Plan Update and CCMG 2023-1 and possibly CCMG 2023-2 (\$15,000), Perform updates to the pavement asset plan which is necessary to continue to be eligible for the Community Crossings grant (\$4,000) and the 2023 Community Crossings Grant support in the application process/bidding (\$14,000) and construction/inspection (\$35,000 not to exceed)

Vote: 3-0

**SMART CONTRACTORS INC – Estimate for Snow Removal TABLED**

This matter was tabled to give the County Attorney ample time to draft a document.

**KELLER PC – Connection**

Quote for Unitrends 3-year platinum support (\$12,165.01) and 3-year Forever cloud 500 GB (\$10,123.14) totaling \$22,288.15.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-37 – Operation Greenlight**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Resolution 2022-37 in honor of our veterans for the week of November 7 to November 11, 2022. Vote: 3-0

**RESOLUTION 2022-38 – Resolution for the Commissioners to Approve the Transfer of County Property by Sale to the Indiana Municipal Power Agency for Solar Park Development & Purchase Agreement.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve and sign Resolution 2022-38 and the purchase agreement.

Vote: 3-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels & Keri Townsend**

They presented information about a company called NSURE that will help in the processing of benefits. When a patient is being processed, basic information is given and is sometimes wrong or unable to be found. This company will search for benefits on the person and they will be able to submit an insurance claim more efficiently. The cost is \$7,200 a year. They would like to send 50 claims over to the company to search and see if it is worth pursuing the use of the company.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow them to continue pursuing the company upon the County Attorney's review of the agreement and proceed with presenting the County Council with the information.**

Vote: 3-0

Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance has been ordered. They will probably not receive it until 2024. Garth is also looking into having a third ambulance remounted. They are currently 12-14 months out on the new chassis.

**HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis**

Preston Meihls approached him about closing Bonebrake road from Ghost Hollow to Crazy Man's on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. to shoot a short commercial for Big Rig Coffee. Commissioners agreed as long as residents along the road are contacted, which he said he would take care of. There are a couple employees that are in need of their CDL license. The council had suggested that he contact the Learning Center in Attica. If approved, the program will pay for them to go through the 4-week program to acquire their CDL. Mileage/food reimbursement will be given to them through the County.

**HEALTH – Erich Haley**

There was a complaint about a property on Shelby Lane, they assessed the situation and found that they are unable to do anything at this time. The property on SR 234 has accumulated a significant amount of fees and is owned by a bank. The bank is willing to deed over the property to the County to sell and whoever purchased the property would be responsible for removing all inhabitable, unsafe buildings from the property.

**CORONER – Joshua Whittington**

He had recently started using a new pathologist, but since then, the old company hired a new pathologist. They will now travel to Fountain County. It will cut down on cost and time to go back to the old company. Currently, a body is being held while trying to locate the family. The VA is assisting with this and the funeral.

**EMA – Joe Whitaker**

LEPC meeting is Thursday, November 10, 2022 at noon.

**Commissioners**

**Tim Shumaker- Status Update on the County Farm**

They are currently waiting on the legal description of the split off part of land to be sold. The surveyors are backed up.  
The Old Jail has been transferred to The City of Covington. The tower area and access area needs to be re-parceled before they are able to tear it down. Roger Azar is working on the legal description of the section that involves the Tower.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Careen Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hacky

Tim Shumaker