

**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 19, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**Public Comment**

**Leon Phillips**

He had concerns about potholes on Williamsport Road East. Jason Lewis has been out to look it over. Jason will attend to the situation once he is done with the paving. Mr. Phillips also asked about the speed limit on Williamsport Road at the hill. He would like the speed limit reduced, possibly a 4 way stop sign and signage warning motorists about the dangerous intersection. Kent Minnette, County Attorney, will look into the statute. It is possible a study may have to be conducted.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioners on June 5, 2023 as presented.  
Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-200 (\$455,257.28) and Payroll CLAIMS**

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

**Report of Collections – as submitted**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder and Sheriff for the month of May.  
Vote: 2-0

**Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for May, 2023**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for April, 2023.  
Vote: 2-0

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for May, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.  
Vote: 2-0

**TRANSFER – Co General Jail**

From:	1000-0380-22000	Office Supplies	
To:	1000-0380-22520	Uniforms/Other	\$3,000

**Co General - Ambulance**

From:	1000-0301-15800	Paramedic	
To:	1000-0301-16000	Vacation & Sick	\$13,500

From:	1000-0301-14000	Overtime	
To:	1000-0301-16000	Vacation & Sick	\$15,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfers as requested and send it to Council.  
Vote: 2-0

**Additional Requests**

Juvenile Housing                    1112-0068-33860                    \$10,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the additional request and send it on to the Council for approval.  
Vote: 2-0

**Bridge #54 – Discussion**

Agreement between Commissioners and Contractor (Campbell’s Excavating)  
A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to ratify the agreement between Fountain County Commissioners and Campbell’s Excavating for Bridge #54.  
Vote: 2-0

**Ambulance – AC Units**

The Council approved the funding for the replacement of two AC units at their last meeting contingent upon the Commissioners approval.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the purchase of a second new AC unit in the amount of \$9,977.  
Vote: 2-0

**Baker Tilly – Annual Information for Disclosure Compliance (Fountain County Building Corp)**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Annual Report from Baker Tilly.  
Vote: 2-0

**COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Covered Bridge Certification for 2023.  
Vote: 2-0

**Economic Development – WEGA Contract**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the contract for Professional Community and Economic Development services by and between Fountain County, Indiana and Wabash Economic Growth Alliance, Inc.  
Vote: 2-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels**

Hesler Paving has completed the repairs to the parking lot. He has been in contact with Ricketts Electric and they should be there next week to erect the new lights. Garth is waiting on an estimate to install large fans in the bay area to protect it from birds. He has not received a delivery date on the Chevy. He also has not heard anything on the other two new ambulances.

**SHERIFF – Terry Holt**

He has 82 inmates of which there is one parole hold, 18 level 6, 13 from Sullivan County and 3 waiting on DOC. Terry reported that the Council approved the money for another deputy to replace Paxton as he was moved to Jail Commander.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy giving approval for the Sheriff to hire another deputy to replace Paxton.**  
Vote: 2-0

Sheriff Holt also reported that BT Reynolds was out an inspected the air units. He would like to have them on contract for maintenance in 2024. He is still waiting on second quote for the glass replacement. Tim Shumaker commented on the Sheriff’s National Night Out. It was a huge success.

Andrew Krout reported that the price on Chevy vehicles will most likely be in the range of \$51,000 to \$52,000 when it comes time to order them. He will put the order in around September. They will probably not be delivered until 2024.

**HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis**

Jason reported that he will be finishing up the paving on Graham Creek Road this week. They will be chipping and sealing Cold Spring Road after the paving is completed. He will work a loop starting at that location and then working north and back around to the southern part of the county. He will be giving Greg Campbell the go ahead to start the work on Bridge #54. They will also need a tree removed prior to the construction. He requested that the Commissioners come and help with the scoring of the bridges. He has received two proposals, one from USI and ESI. He is finishing up the paperwork for the Community Crossings Grant. Great Lakes Chloride should start spraying this week for dust control.

**HEALTH – Jenny Eads**

The Health Board will meet on July 11<sup>th</sup>. They will discuss whether or not to opt-in on the Governor’s Local Public Health Funding.

**E-911 – Dana Stonebraker**

She and her staff have dealt with phone issues since Friday. It is a statewide issue. The company is currently working on the problem. They have received the battery backup for Station 1 and are still waiting on the one for Station 2.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Clock on Courthouse lawn - Tim was asked who programmed the clock on the Courthouse lawn. It is maintained by the City of Covington and Tim will get into contact with Brad Crain.

Old Jail – The deed has been recorded. There still needs to be an exception recorded for the tower. Kent Minnette will get with Taylor Powell, Covington’s attorney.

Senator Braun - Alex Goodnight was at meeting to introduce himself. Mike Braun will be running for Governor in 2024.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
July 5, 2023  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting. Vote: 2-0

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ATTEST

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