

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
December 4, 2023
9:00 A.M.

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting and the Drainage Board Meeting of November 20, 2023 as presented. Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-140 (\$314,711.72) Unpublished and Payroll Claims

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

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for October, 2023.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for October, 2023. Vote: 3-0

LEVEL 365 – PHONE SYSTEM

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the quote for the new phone system for the EMS, Jail, Health Dept and Courthouse. Vote: 3-0

PERMISSION TO CLOSE COURTHOUSE

The Prosecutor's office is hosting the Courthouse Christmas Lunch from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023. They are requesting permission to close the Courthouse building during this time.

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 15, 2024
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
Good Friday	Friday	March 29, 2024
Solar Eclipse Event	Monday	April 8, 2024
Election Day – Primary	Tuesday	May 7, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Independence Day (observed)	Thursday	July 4, 2024
	Friday	July 5, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2024
Election Day	Tuesday	November 5, 2024
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
	Friday	November 29, 2024
Christmas Day	Tuesday	December 24, 2024
	Wednesday	December 25, 2024
New Year's Eve (1/2 day)	Tuesday	December 31, 2024

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above Holiday Schedule for 2024. Vote: 3-0

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

ASSESSOR – Melissa Griffin

Missy is currently looking at leasing or purchasing a new copier and plotter for her office. A copy of the proposed lease/contract was given to County attorney, Kent Minnette for his review.

SHERIFF

There are currently 71 inmates at the Jail. Thirty eight are Fountain County, 11 DOC holds and 22 from Sullivan County. There are 58 males and 13 females.

The jail sewer project was discussed. Tim Shumaker stated that most of the waste was chip and candy wrappers. He suggested they may want to get rid of the Commissary to help alleviate the problem. Roger Azar asked about re-bidding the project again. The Commissioners wish to re-bid the project. Roger and Kent will work on getting the notice ready.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Jason stated the striping was delayed but Milestone was to do it today. He is waiting on an estimate from TNT Concrete to repair a culvert that is in need of repair along this same road.

Jason invited the Commissioners to the Council meeting to hear a presentation from Vialytics on Monday.

CUSTODIAN

The four-wheeler from the Courthouse was loaned to the EMS department some time ago. Rick would like to have it back so that he can clear the Courthouse sidewalks when needed. Smarts will do the clearing of snow over 2 inches. No motion was made but was decided to have Garth bring it back to the Courthouse.

COUNCIL – Jeff Fishero

Jeff was inquiring about the front doors to the Courthouse. They are very heavy and hard to open. They have been repaired. They are not sure how long the repair will last as they need to be taken off of the frames and redone. The new design for the Courthouse doesn't use these doors as the entrance will be changed to a new location.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
December 18, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

**DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

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





ATTEST