

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 3, 2023  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Paul Bowman**

Paul was inquiring about the entrance to the Carnegie Cemetery (Layton Station Road- Troy Township). He stated it was difficult to access and needed cleaned up. The Commissioners will have the County Attorney research to see who is responsible. They will also reach out to Troy Stewart the Troy Township Trustee.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Commissioner meeting, the Drainage Board Meeting and the Commissioner Meeting on December 22, 2022 as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS #1-46 (\$134,354.05), Unpublished Claims & Payroll Claims.**

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

**Report of Collections – as submitted**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance for October & November 2022. Vote: 3-0

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Brenda Hardy as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2023.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Andrew Hall as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners for 2023.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Tim Shumaker as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Brenda Hardy as President of the Drainage Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

**APPOINTMENTS 2023**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Kent Minnette and his firm as the County Attorney for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Garth Kagels as the EMS Director for 2023. Vote: 3-0

510  
A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Jason Lewis as County Highway Superintendent and Travis Covault as Assistant County Highway Superintendent for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Bob Cates as Veteran Service Officer for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Andrew Hall to the LEPC Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Brenda Hardy to the Board of Finance for 2023. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and was seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Andrew Hall to the Community Action Program Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

### **INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint the following to the Insurance Committee for 2023.

Brenda Hardy  
Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member

Colleen Chambers  
(The council will appoint a member along with the Auditor and the Payroll/HR Clerk.)

Kim Johnson

Vote: 3-0

### **JAIL COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint the following to the Jail Committee for 2023.

Terry Holt

Colleen Chambers

Tim Shumaker

Vote: 3-0

### **EMA ADVISORY BOARD**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Andrew Hall to the EMA Advisory Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

### **DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Garth Kagels to the District Planning Committee for 2023. Vote: 3-0

### **PLAN COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Tim Shumaker to the District Planning Commission for 2023. Vote: 3-0

### **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Bob Shepherd to the Cemetery Commission. Vote: 3-0

## **REGION 4 WORKFORCE**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Andrew Hall as the Region 4 Workforce System County Chief Elected Official to serve as a member of the Region 4 Workforce Service Area's Executive Council. Vote: 3-0

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Rodger Foster to the Alcoholic Beverage Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

## **TRUSTEES OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Brenda Hardy as trustee for the employee benefit trust. Vote: 3-0  
(The council will appoint a member along with the auditor and the payroll clerk.)

## **E-911 BOARD**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Brenda Hardy to the E-911 Board for 2023. Vote: 3-0

## **ORDINANCE 2022-4 ADOPTION - A PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENT POLICY**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to adopt Resolution 2023-1 (previously presented as Ordinance 2202-4 numbering change due to the new year) for a Public-Private Agreement Policy. Vote: 3-0

## **ENCUMBRANCES**

### **Sheriff**

Encumber \$10,863.52 from line item 1000-0380-33302 for Invoice #6037 in the amount of \$12,500 for Quality Correction Care

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to encumber \$10,863.52 from 2022 budget to the 2023 budget. Vote: 3-0

### **Circuit Court**

Encumber \$\$2,583.60 from Capital Outlay 1000-0232-44901 for payment of work done on the kitchenette for Jurors.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to encumber \$2,583.60 from the 2022 Budget to the 2023 Budget. Vote: 3-0

## **FOUNTAIN COUNTY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2022 - as submitted by Auditor**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the 2022 Fountain County Financial Report. Vote: 3-0

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

512

Garth is waiting on a quote from Patton's on scratch resistant flooring for the EMS building. He would like to replace all flooring due to age and scratches. Horton has told him that chassis for new ambulances are being released. It is possible we may have a new one or two this year. It depends on how far we are down on the list. They were over 3,000 runs for 2022. He updated the Commissioners on NSure. They sent a batch of 30 claims NSure found results on 20. At this time, he feels like this program is going to pay for itself.

**Sheriff – Terry Holt**

There are currently 66 inmates, 30 are out of county. The sprinkler head in the vestibule busted. It is now fixed and an insurance claim has been turned in. He called Newtons to clean up the area. Terry said a waste grinder will have to be looked at soon so that the price does not go up. He has another meeting with Veedersburg on January 24th. **A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow the Sheriff and Roger Azar to proceed on the grinder/design and to collect the necessary information on the previous installation.**

Vote: 3-0

**Health Dept. – Erich Haley**

The County's first day as the Fountain County Health Department. Erich gave updates on some of the properties that they have been working on.

**EMA – Joe Whitaker**

The repairs for the tornado sirens could not be done before the end of the year due to weather and lack of supplies. The cost is approximately \$26,000. The Commissioners indicated that the cost could be taken out of capital outlay.

**Clerk – Patty Smith**

They will have city/town elections this year. Veedersburg, Newtown and Wallace have not moved their elections to correspond with the County wide elections. Attica School Corporation has requested that they move the polling place from the school. They are currently looking for a new location. Patty introduced Nicole Wolfe as her new voter registration deputy.

**County Attorney – Kent Minnette (BOT Agreement)**

He will talk with architect and start the process to get proposals for the Maple Corner Annex.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Coussa Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy  
Andrew Hall  
Tim Shumaker