

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cades Covered Bridge – Henry Schmidt

Henry gave a brief update of the bridge repairs. CLR has been out and installed cables inside the bridge to stabilize it. They will return this week and attach cables the abutments. This is all being paid with private funds. They are planning a fundraiser on March 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the Landing.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of February 6, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1- 166 (\$237,905.38) and Payroll Claims

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

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

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for January, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

Review and Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for January, 2023

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for January 2023. 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 Clerk, Health Department, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of January. Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

Auditor

From:	1000-0002-33000	Postage	
To:	1000-0002-33900	Dues	\$115.68

Recorder

From:	1000-0004-22000	Office Supplies	
To:	1000-0004-33900	Dues	\$ 5.31

This amount is needed to cover the shortfall that was appropriated for dues.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfers and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

JRAC & OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS – Judge Campbell

We have received our money from the State for the opioid settlement. The Judge is asking that the JRAC committee make the recommendations for the expenditures of the Opioid funds as their purpose is for addiction rehabilitation. The Commissioners will have last say on how money is spent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He received two quotes on new flooring for the EMS building. He received one from Roemer Home Furnishings in the amount of \$15,500 and one from Patton Furniture and Carpet in the amount of \$12,914.

Andrew Hall made a motion and was seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote from Patton’s Furniture and Carpet and send it to Council. Vote: 3-0

He would also like to get Ricketts Electric out to repair/replace a pole light in the parking lot. He is also getting quotes for the repair/resurfacing and sealing of the parking lot at the EMS building.

He interviewed two candidates for the paramedic position. He hired one full time and they will start on March 6. The other person was hired for a part time position. He still has one EMT on FMLA and one on workman’s comp leave.

ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the contract with Master’s Touch to print and send out the Form 11s. Vote: 3-0

SHERIFF – Deputy Andrew Krout

They currently have 72 inmates. Twenty-nine of those are out of county.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

He handed out the list of equipment for the Spring Auction. He has talked with Matt Perry and the sale is scheduled for April 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

He updated the Commissioners on Bridge #54 on Scottsdale Road. USI will be using the data from VS Engineering with their approval.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

An update was given on the SR 234 property. The Resolution along with the sales disclosure has been sent to the attorney for the bank. We are waiting on the deed. Kent will have the resolution to sell the property at the next meeting. He will also have to get two appraisals. All buildings on the property will have to be demolished and the septic closed. The well will have to capped.

LANDFILL-Greg Robison

They have started the cleanup at the landfill. Tim has sent info to IMPA but has not heard anything from them.

COUNCIL – Jeff Fishero

Roger Azar gave an update on the Hillsboro Sewer Project – Glen Price was on vacation and has since returned. He will be meeting with him.

Jeff was inquiring about the grinder/sewage problem at the jail. Roger gave him an update on the current situation and what is being proposed.

Jeff also informed the Commissioners that there is going to be a new fire territory in Attica. It could possibly employ three part time firefighters. This could potentially raise the taxes in that area.

Brenda Hardy said that Next Level is looking for ground (3 acres) to construct a fire training site.

TREASURER – Susan Coffing

She reported that ONB had increased the rates on the checking and savings account recently.

Commissioners

Representatives from Farm Bureau were in attendance offering assistance and resources on different projects. They were Colette Childress and Caitlin Little of Farm Bureau and Sarah Froderman from OCRA.

Old Jail – A corrective deed will be made and recorded to remove the area of ground where the tower sits from the original deed.

County Farm – The survey is almost completed. It was more time consuming than first thought. They are trying to keep the property line along the edge of the woods so as to not infringe on the farmers tillable ground.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL
HEARING ON ERA AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

Cecilia Chamber
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

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