

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

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

Cades Mill Covered Bridge- Henry Schmidt gave a brief update of the bridge repairs. VS Engineering has been hired. They have received around \$117,085 in private donations. The fundraiser dinner brought in \$13,000.00. They will be asking the county for roughly \$210,000.00, depending on how much can be raised beforehand. They will have the bid specs ready in August.

Dagny Zupin, Manager Government & Community Relations for Duke Energy introduced herself. She is here to offer support for Economic Development and any roadwork. She plans to have a good communication line with Highway and Emergency Management.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioners on March 20, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-124 (\$295,916.98), Unpublished and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve all claims.

Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION 2023-6 – Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Warren County for Emergency Communications.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Resolution 2023-6 Approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Warren County for Emergency Communications

Vote: 3-0

ORDINANCE 2023-3 – Re-establishing the Cumulative Voting System Fund

This is the first reading of the above Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be April 17, 2023.

COUNTY FARM & SR 234 PROPERTY

Kent Minnette stated there was a delay on getting the appraisals. The notice will have to appear in the paper two separate times. The bidding will be at the first meeting in May. It is okay, per the Commissioners, for bidders to come in during a regular meeting. Each property will have a bidder sheet.

Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Hesler Paving to repair the parking lot of EMS. Vote 3-0

SHERIFF – Terry Holt, Sheriff

They currently have 72 inmates. Three are Parole, 1 DOC, 10 from Sullivan and 14 are Level 6. They did use the generators during storm and they worked great.

HIGHWAY- Jason Lewis

Highway had their auction on April 1, 2023. They received \$76,178.00. After paying fees for auction, they will receive \$67,348.00. USI is currently working on Bridge #54. Some Employees were out all-night Friday and Saturday due to storms. Tim Shumaker thanked the Highway for their hard work cleaning up after the storm.

HEALTH-Jenny Eads

She stated their vaccine refrigerator is back up and currently working fine.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

He is reporting information on storm. He will be checking 6-7 properties in the Kingman/Cates area with trees down, hail damage, roof damage. He will go out again today and try to figure out the path of storm and reassess the properties.

Roger Azar – McDonald Drain

He received two bids. One from Bell Excavating for \$26,250.00 and one from McCullough for \$18,110.00 Roger will send the information to Colleen.

IMPA

Roger Azar has been in communication with Chris Sanders, VP. Roger stated that IMPA will be responsible for 40% of the estimated \$76,000. Roger contacted Darryl Bell to see if that is accurate, but has not yet heard back.

Maple Corner

We have received a proposal of engagement with Cameron Starnes of Taft Law to write the RFP and all other legalities of the BOT process. Once the letter of engagement is signed, we could have an operator hired within 60 days. We could possibly have budget numbers so that we can decide on how to proceed with the project as a whole or in phases.

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

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

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