

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 5, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

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

Public Hearing – BOT on County Annex Building

Hearing Opened at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment - None

Hearing Closed at 9:03 a.m.

**Resolution 2023-31 – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners
Selecting Build-Operate-Transfer Developer for the County Annex
Building**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Resolution 2023-31 and based upon the Memorandum of Recommendation from the Fountain County Annex BOT Review Committee they hereby award the public-private agreement to Envoy. Vote: 3-0

GEENEX SOLAR – Dolphin Solar presentation (Emily Williams, Jenny Hartley and Tim Kemple)

Emily Williams introduced the Dolphin Solar Project Map. It will be a 700-megawatt project producing 800 million kilowatts. It will be on the east side of Attica in northern Fountain County. It will include part of Logan, Davis, Shawnee and Richland Township. She went over the list of donations that they have made to the different events, projects etc. in the County. They intend to be a good neighbor. Emily also went over the setbacks with the Commissioners. Many are above and beyond the setbacks that are laid out in the county ordinance. They will be holding a public meeting on September 13, 2023 at the Attica High School Cafeteria from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. They hope to have the first phase of the project started by 2026 and completed in 2028. The next phase would start in 2027.

They will have a prefilings meeting later in the month for the permits.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of August 21, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of August 28, 2023 as presented. (Andrew Hall was absent) Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-123 (\$118,806.45) UNPUBLISHED CLAIMS and PAYROLL CLAIMS

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

IT Service Agreement

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the IT Service Agreement with Keller PC in the amount of \$5,793.00 per month. Vote: 3-0

Ordinance 2023-6 – An Ordinance Establishing Certain Stop Intersections in Fountain County

Commissioners introduced the above Ordinance for the first time. Kent will add the intersection of Bonebrake Road and 100W along with the penalties into the Ordinance. It will be voted on at the September 18th meeting.

TRANSFERS

County General - Commissioners

From:	1000-0068-33490	Liability Insurance	
To:	1000-0068-33951	Mental Health	\$3,015

County General - Jail

From:	1000-0380-22090	Laundry	
To:	1000-0380-22550	Inmate Personal Hygiene	\$2,000

State-wide E-911

From:	1222-0000-10206	Operator	
To:	1222-0000-14000	Overtime	\$8,053.64

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above transfers in the amount of \$13,068.67 and send it on to the Council. Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONALS

County General – Ambulance

1000-0301-22501	Gas & Oil	\$25,000
1000-0301-16000	Vacation & Sick	\$35,000
1000-0301-33550	Utilities	\$5,000
1000-0301-22410	Medical Supplies	\$20,000

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

Maple Corner Annex – Roof Replacement

Tim Shumaker stated that Allen Strawser/4th Street Construction had almost completed the roof at the Maple Corner Annex. However, he was short shingles as the insurance company did not compute the square footage correctly. Kent Minnette stated that it should be treated as a change order and it is under 20% so no further action has to be done. He will be finishing it up today. Mr. Strawser has requested that he be paid as soon as possible when the job was completed due to the material cost and the amount of labor. **A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to pay the invoice in the amount of \$39,900.**

Vote: 3-0

The insurance has issued a check to the county in the amount of \$32,864.16. The County will also receive an additional amount that will come to a total just shy of \$37,000. The Commissioners had requested that Mr. Strawser remove the skylights and vents from the roof also.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth stated that Jeff had talked with Benton County EMS in regards to getting applicants to fill vacant spots. They use Indeed.com and have had some success. Garth has listed job openings on the State website but has not had much luck. He currently is down 1 paramedic and has one off on FMLA. He has also talked with Paul from the Crawfordsville Fire Department

in regards to the Medicare Cost Allocation report. They are currently using Malcon Consulting to prepare the report. He still has not received any word on the trucks.

E -911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana reported that the battery backup for Station 2 has been installed. She is training 3 employees, two of which are part time now. She is working with Tina/EMA on the tornado sirens. The new apparel has come in.

PROSECUTOR – Daniel Askren

Daniel has some old equipment that he is no longer using and would like to dispose of. The cost of the sale would exceed the amount of value. **A**

motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to declare the surplus equipment as junk and dispose of accordingly.

Vote: 3-0

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Sheriff Holt was not present at the meeting. Tim Shumaker reported that there were 73 inmates being housed at the jail. Forty-eight were for Fountain County; 15 Sullivan County; 1 Parole; and 9 DOC.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Jason stated that Greg Campbell has the floor board and guardrail installed on Bridge #54. They will be working on the approach. He will schedule a time with USI to have it inspected. He has not heard from Milestone on the paving of River-Road. He will be calling them this week. Jason reported that he has used the Learning Center at Williamsport for a CDL License class for one of his recent new hires. It has been a good resource for them. Jason would like some form of contract that if the new hires use the class that they will have to stay with the county or pay back the fee for the training. Jason and Kent will work on drawing up this document.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

Greg stated that Roger Azar is still working with IDEM to reduce the number of times per year that we have to have the wells tested. We were rejected the first time around.

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

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to close the meeting.

Vote: 3-0

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker

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ATTEST

