

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 18, 2023
9:00 A.M.

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

Public Comment - None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s meeting of September 5, 2023 as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-148 (\$245,492.97) and 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, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff Department for August, 2023. 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 August, 2023 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for August 2023.

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

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

MVH		
1176-0533-22501	Gas & Oil	\$50,000
County General – Ambulance		
1000-0301-33650	Equipment Repair	\$20,000
County General – Commissioners		
1000-0068-12000	Group Health	\$150,000

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

TRANSFERS

County General – Purdue Extension

From:	1000-0028-33000	Postage Account	
To:	1000-0028-33900	Dues & Subscriptions	\$500.00

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

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

After a few minor changes by the County Attorney, to include stop signs at Bonebrake Road – two signs for the northwest and southeast traffic along with a sign for northbound traffic on CR 100 W at Bonebrake Road, the second reading of Ordinance 2023-6 was read.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Ordinance 2023-6 Establishing Certain Stop Intersections in Fountain County. The Ordinance will take effect after publication is made.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

CORONER – Josh Whittington

Josh informed the commissioners that the cost for autopsies will be increasing on October 1, 2023 to \$2,200. He will also let the Council know of this increase.

CLERK – Patty Smith

Patty reminded everyone that the election will be held on November 7, 2023. Voting will take place at Attica, Covington and Veedersburg. There will be a public test of the machines on Friday, September 22.

EMA – Tina Holmes

Tina reported that the grant application for the new CAD system has been denied. FEMA will help if they can. She is currently working on the dead zone and the tornado sirens.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

They currently have 75 inmates. Thirteen are DOC; 1 parole and 15 from Sullivan County. The Office Holders have asked for more security in the Courthouse. The current Courthouse Deputy's time is spent with the Court. He has trained jailers that he can use to secure/patrol the Courthouse. He is ultimately responsible for the safety of the Courthouse. Commissioner Hardy would like to start having the quarterly security meetings again.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Jason is working with Kent to get a document prepared to use for the CDL license. He has been utilizing the Learning Center in Williamsport for the classes for his staff. Jason reported that Bridge #54 passed inspection. He received an email from Susie Kemp from INDOT in regards to Bridge #202 and #66. They would like to change the fiscal years. Jason would like to keep the schedule that he has. He would also like for the employees to have a dress code and to wear high visible shirts. He has money in his budget. He would also like to have a handbook for the highway employees only. He ordered a box culvert for 650N. He will be getting bids for this project. Milestone has promised that 1400 N should be completed by the November 17 deadline.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

The new COVID vaccine will be commercialized, which means they will have to charge a fee for the vaccine. The estimate is between \$100 to \$125.

LANDFILL – Roger Azar

Roger reached out to IDEM in regards to cutting back on the number of times for the well testing to one time a year. We were denied due to lack of information given. Roger will be sending them the results of their well testing reports.

JAIL – Roger Azar

Roger reported that the design is complete for the installation of the grinder with gravity flow. We will need to advertise for bids. Roger will get with Colleen on the advertisement. It will be advertised on September 28th; on site visit is October 5th with a 30 day wait and bids will be received on November 6th.

Andrew Krout reported that the adjuster was out in regards to the trailer. The hail damage was approximately \$1,700 with a deductible of \$1,000. It was determined to cancel the claim.

COMMISSIONERS

Highway Garage

Roger and Jason walked the site on US 41 in regards to the placement of the new county highway building. During the discussion, it was determined that a new BOT agreement should be approved for the highway garage. The Commissioners would like to have Envoy oversee the project but other companies will be in charge of the building.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to start the BOT process for the Highway building. Kent Minnette will draft the agreement.

Vote: 3-0

Kent will also review the BOT agreement for the annex to see if the Courthouse would be covered under that agreement.

IMPA

Tim Shumaker asked if anyone had heard from IMPA. There was to be a closing several weeks ago. IMPA had agreed to pay for the removal of debris in the amount of \$26,000 and was to be given at the closing. Tim will reach out to Chris from IMPA to check on the status.

Sale of Real Estate

A portion of the County farm sold for \$7900 per acre to John Hoagland's son. The SR 234 property sold for \$3600 per acre to Dalton Millikan.

Department Heads

Commissioners also informed the Department Heads that they are no longer required to attend the Commissioner meetings. The Commissioners felt like the lines of communication were open and that Department heads contacted them when needed. They would like to start conducting administrative work sessions.

Genex

Genex had an open house in Attica last week. There were several council and commissioners in attendance. There was an overall good turnout. It was a very informative event. Wayne DeLong will be meeting with Roger this Thursday to go over some of the technical issues.

Courthouse

The black mold in the stairwell has been removed by Newtons. Slider is fixing the plaster, painting and the framing of a window for an air conditioner/heating unit. The unit will be put in by BT Reynolds.

WHIN

Tim stated that a flyer had been sent via email to the Council and Commissioners. It outlined all of the projects that WHIN has been doing in Fountain County, which has been substantial. He would like to make sure the county contributed the \$20,000 that was requested last year.

Surplus Equipment

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to declare all of the old outdated surplus electronics in the basement as junk and to dispose of accordingly. The cost of the sale would be more than the value of the items. Vote: 2-0

COUNCIL – Jeff Fishero

He asked Roger about the drain in the Town of Kingman. The drain is clogged and is causing flooding in the town. Roger stated that it is a county drain but the town needed to have a meeting to have the drain reactivated and send a letter to the Commissioners. It would then go to the Drainage Board/Commissioners. They would do an assessment for the repair after proper advertising.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
October 2, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Couera Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Tim Shumaker
Tim Shumaker