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**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 5, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**Public Comment**

**Wabash Township Trustee – Nathan Roesner**

Nathan Roesner presented the Assistance Eligibility Standards paperwork for Wabash Township. The Auditor will keep this on file. This has already been voted on by the Wabash Township board. No vote was needed by the Commissioners.

**Larry Shrock**

Larry Shrock distributed several magazines to the Commissioners and read a passage regarding climate crisis. He will follow up with a phone call to one of the Commissioners.

**Martin Ward**

Martin Ward stated he is not against Solar Energy, just how it is being implemented. He discussed his feelings toward the Solar project and how he feels the residents are losing money. He will follow up with a phone call to one of the Commissioners.

**Julie Creek**

Julie Creek stated she has been discussing with spouses and members of the fire departments. She said they feel understaffed. She would like to see the fire departments and EMS employ more experienced staff.

**Thomas Creek**

Thomas Creek stated that he is worried about the value of land due to solar farms. He also wanted to know what this will do to property values.

**Christine Brunner**

Christine Brunner was very happy with the ordinance regarding the wind ordinances. She was unhappy with the ordinance on the Solar Panels. She invited the Commissioner's to come to her home to see her land and how she felt it would affect her.

**Carol Owens**

Carol Owens wanted to know why something wasn't written regarding the compensations, as she will have solar panels around her farm land also.

**Jessica Anderson**

Jessica Anderson stated she would like to start a petition to have the solar project banned. She encouraged everyone to get with her to get her information.

**Angie Burke**

Angie Burke had some questions on the Decommissioning Plan. She had some questions on the different sections of the plan. She was encouraged to call one of the Commissioner's but would like to discuss in person.

**Derek May**

Derek May would like to have a Solar Meeting as soon as possible. The Commissioners are going to try to have a meeting at the Covington City Building to accommodate the crowd.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioner’s meeting of January 16, 2024 as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-184 (\$491,107.61) Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve all claims. Vote: 2-0

**Review and Acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk’s Monthly Report for December 2023. Vote: 2-0

**Review and Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for January, 2024 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report. Vote: 2-0

**Covington-Veegersburg Public Library Appointment**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Richard C Florey II to the Covington-Veegersburg Public Library Board. The term being from March 8, 2024 to March 7, 2028. Vote: 2-0

**PTBOA Board Appointment**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint Sandra Whitaker to the PTBOA Board. Vote: 2-0

**Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Appointment**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint the following to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board:

APC Member	Jake McGraw
Non-APC Member	
Non-APC Member	John Allen

Vote: 2-0

**Area Plan Commission (APC) Appointments**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to appoint the following to the Area Plan Commission.

Citizen Member	Campbell White
Citizen Member	Mark Bertolino
County Engineer,	
Non-Voting Member	Roger Azar
Surveyor’s Designee	Glen Walter
Adm of Records	Amber Roarks

Vote: 2-0

**Additional Appropriation**

**County General – Radio Dispatch**

1000-0303-41101	Equipment	\$22,000
1000-0303-43100	Computer Software	\$202,000

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the additional request and send it on to the Council for approval.

Vote: 2-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting.

Vote: 2-0

Coussa Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy  
Tim Shumaker  
Tim Shumaker