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**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 18, 2024  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of March 4, 2024 along with the minutes from the Drainage Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-154 (\$426,462.04) 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 February 2024.

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 February, 2024 and the Monthly Fund Comparison Report.

Vote: 2-0

**Report of Collections – as submitted**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff for February 2024.

Vote: 2-0

**BIDS –Jail Sewer Screen Project**

Bids were received from the following:

Collum Excavating LLC	\$1,145,499.00
Rockville IN	

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to take the bid under advisement.

Vote: 2-0

**Transfers**

Statewide E-911

From:	1222-0000-33550	Utilities	
To:	1222-0000-38600	Repair & Maintenance	\$7,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfer and send it onto the Council for final approval.

Vote: 2-0

**Additional Appropriations**

**Co General**

**Ambulance**

Overtime	1000-0301-14000	\$250,000
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Ambulance 1000-0301-44446 \$365,000

**Commissioners**

Consulting Fees (BLN) 1000-0068-33250 \$46,000

**CCD**

**Commissioners**

Childcare-Readi Grant 1138-0068-33625 \$23,950

**County Farm**

Ambulance 4924-0301-44446 \$265,000

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

Vote: 2-0

**Purdue Extension – Job Descriptions**

Adam Tyler made changes to the job descriptions for the office manager and program assistant positions in his department. The office manager position will be changed to full time program assistant and there will be a part time program assistant effective immediately.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the changes to the job descriptions.

Vote: 2-0

**Sheriff Contract & Resolution**

Kent Minnette explained that a Sheriff within a county of less than a population of 20,000 can be paid either of 2 ways. He can be paid one-half of the prosecutor’s salary and retain the tax warrant revenue or he can be paid a fix salary and return the tax warrants to the county. The Commissioners and Council both must approve the fixed salary. Kent prepared a Resolution for the Commissioners approving the Sheriff’s compensation agreement along with a contract.

**RESOLUTION 2024-3**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept and approve Resolution 2024-3 A Resolution Approving Sheriff’s Compensation Agreement along with the 2024 Fountain County Sheriff Salary Contract.

Vote: 2-0

**E-911/Caliber**

Dana Stonebraker was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email to the Commissioners in regards to mapping on the Caliber System. She is asking for approval to go with the mapping that Caliber offers. It will eliminate the officers moving from screen to screen to see where they are heading to. It will make it much safer for the officers.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the \$22,488 for the Caliber System.

Vote: 2-0

**ENVOY**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the contract with Envoy for the renovations to be done at the County Annex, Outbuilding and the Courthouse.

Vote: 2-0

**Property Taxes**

Tim Shumaker wanted to inform the taxpayers that taxes will be going up this year. It is not from anything that the County has done but is a result of an increase in the assessed valuations based on the fair market value.

**Ambulance**

Garth Kagels stated that the new ambulances should be delivered sometime in May. Once they are received, they will be taking the truck for the remount out of service so that the new box can be mounted. That will probably happen in early June.

**County Highway**

Jason Lewis stated that the Covered Bridge at Rob Roy needs some repairs. He asked about using the Covered Bridge Maintenance fund for the repairs. Also, Roy Jones had called him about the possibility of putting in speed bumps at the Covered Bridge.

He is reviewing the contracts from USI for a bridge replacement and re-hab. He thought the fees were high. He will be contacting other engineering firms to see what they have to offer.

Jason still has 3 positions open at the Highway Department. He interviewed last week and will have a few this week. They should hear sometime after April 1 if the county received the Community Crossings Grant for 2024 to pave Stringtown Road.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,  
April 1, 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

Brenda Hardy  
Tim Shumaker

Colleen Chambers  
ATTEST

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