

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
8:30 A.M.**

**The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:
Craig Stalter, Don Hesler and Tim Shumaker.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

**DRAINAGE BOARD – ELMER E COATS DRAIN – Reactivate 18pay19
Scott Hathaway 2006 pay 2007 collected \$1.50 per acre**

He proposed to the commissioners that the Elmer E Coats Drain be reactivated and that a fee be collected by all that use the drain. The drain has not been active since 2006 pay 2007 and at that time it was being assessed at \$1.50 per benefitted acres in the Elmer E Coats Drain. The Drainage Maintenance fund has \$8,697.75 and the Drainage Improvements Fund has \$11,400 in it and there is much work that needs to be done to the Elmer E Coats Drain. They understand that if they do any work to the drain that they will not necessarily be reimbursed. A hearing needs to be held to make any changes to the status of the Elmer E Coats Drain. It would then be decided to reassess the drain at a different amount to pay for the repairs being done.

Scott Hathaway has found that 3,100 feet of tile needs to be laid and fix the clay drain that keeps collapsing due to the heavy amount of water. They would like to replace and put in a 24" main. He estimates it will cost \$75,000-\$80,000.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to start charging \$1.75 for the year 18pay19 to all parcels that use the drain. This money would be put into the Maintenance Fund for future maintenance to the drain.

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

Claims #1–151, Monthly Claims& Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Don Hesler and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Claims. Vote: 3-0

The Commissioners reviewed the Monthly Financial Comparison Report & Treasurer's Monthly Report as submitted.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Bud Peach – County Highway

Chip and seal has been completed for now and they have been working on brush cutting. Next week they would like to start doing chip/seal and patchwork in front of houses and are planning on paving Trojan Complex Road after the bridge is completed. The guard rail was going in and should be done by the end of the day.

Greg Robison – Landfill

Mr. Wolf from IDEM came out for another inspection on the landfill. He left a list of things that need to be done yet. He is pleased with the work that has been done so far, but there is a lot more to do.

A proposal for getting rid of the extra material (1/3 of the amount) by Bell's Excavating in the amount of \$9,000 has been proposed.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the quote of \$9,000 and not to exceed that amount. Vote: 3-0

Joe Whitaker – EMA

There is a new assessment program that is required to give a formal report to the commissioners every quarter.

Grants:

EMA has received the following grants:

2017 Reimbursement Grant \$30,214.51

They have applied for the following grants:

Law Enforcement interoperability \$46,797.21

Fountain County EOC \$17,482.00

2018 Salary Reimbursement \$33,022.00

EMS \$3,750 – approved

Courthouse Security \$42,365.40

EMA Operation \$46,682.00

Planning:

They are working on Table Top exercise for LEPC which is scheduled in October.

Working with the Floodplain Management Section of Division of Water and DNR to get Covington reinstated in the National Flood Insurance.

Working on All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meeting with Deckard Engineering on mapping out all of the County Tier II facilities. The mapping includes the High risk facilities (e.g. Schools, Gov. Facilities) in the evacuation zone of each Tier II facility.

Develop Emergency Event Plans for July 4th, Covington 5K, and County 4-H Fair.

Training:

Indiana grants Management Workshop

Dist. 4 Functional Exercise in Montgomery Co.

Tina & Greg have completed some online classes and Joe has completed a 2-day course.

Upcoming items: EMAI Conference, LEPC TTX, Regional Functional Exercise. Joe will be lead Evaluator for the Blue Grass Exercise in September. Joe will be taking a 2-day course 18-0380 RICC radiological class. Tina and Joe will participate in the Regional Exercise on November 7th. They will start the planning meeting for 2019 State Level Exercise.

Garth Kagels – Ambulance

August was a busy month for the Ambulance Department as they had 240+ runs and the collections were above average.

There is a large event at the Badlands this weekend that they will have an ambulance on-site all weekend.

Permission to put sign on Courthouse lawn this month for Covington Citizens' Scholarships Homecoming Hog Roast Meal on September 28, 2018.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the request.

Vote: 3-0

MacAllister Power Systems Maint. Service Agreement – Courthouse Generator

A motion was made by Don Hesler and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the 3 year Maint. Service Agreement in the amount of \$4,080.

Vote: 3-0

MacAllister Power Systems Extended Agreement – Courthouse Generator

A motion was made by Don Hesler and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the 2 year Extended Service Agreement for parts/labor in the amount of \$1,330. Vote: 3-0

Landfill quote

North Cell Cap Rehabilitation Proposal - \$56,122.61

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the Proposal in the amount of \$56,122.61 from Deckard Engineering/Surveying for the north cell cap rehabilitation proposal. Vote: 3-0

Landfill quote

Bell’s Excavating Proposal - \$9,000.00

A proposal from Bell’s Excavating in the amount of \$9,000 for the machine hire and labor to bury concrete and debris into borrow area from excavation of south cell cap. Materials buried would be approx. 1/3 of eastern concrete piles. Debris will be covered with soil and sloped to allow mowing.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the Proposal in the amount of \$9,000 from Bell’s Excavating Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17, 20186:30 P.M.**

Attest-Brenda Hardy

Craig Stalter

Don Hesler

Tim Shumaker

**MINUTES
SPECIAL DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2018
AT 2:00 P.M.**

The following Drainage Board Members were present at the meeting:
Craig Stalter, Don Hesler and Tim Shumaker.

Terry Martin and Bonnie Nix were in attendance as well.

Kent Minnette and Daniel Taylor from Taylor, Chadd, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C. Attorneys at Law, Crawfordsville, IN appeared in person to meet with the board to answer any questions regarding County Drains.

They gave to each of the Commissioners the "Drainage Law Basics" handout which included: Indiana Drainage Law Overview; Organization of the Drainage Board; Action Items pertaining to Private or Mutual Drains to a Regulated Drain; Special Issues such as determining a benefit, assessments, ordering reconstruction or construction, bidding and financing construction and reconstruction.

They spoke in detail about what their office would do to assist the county with drain issues and maintenance. They would be at every meeting and prepare any notices that needed to be done. They train their clients, so as the relationship grows, they are needed less and less. An engagement letter will be given to the board and it will state all that is covered by them. There is not a contract, so the county can drop them at any time. The attorneys would take the place of a County Surveyor and work with the Engineer on any projects that need attention.

Another subject that was discussed was the reactivation of Coates Drain and the steps to take in order to get the process started. It was stated that if the land owners want to do the work regardless of the board's decision, the cost will be completely on them. The board will have to vacate the drain at least until that certain project is done. The board needs to weigh the cost and benefits of the project before making a decision. It is not based on a majority ruling of the property owners, it is solely a board's decision to vacate the drain or move on with the project.

If a project is going to be more than \$75,000 it has to be bid out. If it is less than, the county will have to send out for quotes. All they need is a phone call from the board stating that it was approved for them to start working with the County.

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