

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
8:30 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Covered Bridges - Carol Freese

She represented the Fountain County Historical Society and wanted to share with the commissioners the prepared evaluation and recommendation of what needs to be done to the covered bridges in Fountain County, specifically, the Cades Covered Bridge. In 1920 they installed 80' metal supports and then were removed years later when bridge was no longer in service. It is in need of the most work. It has an rough estimation from Dan R. Collom of \$140,000 to restore the bridge. There is approximately 3-4 months' worth of work that needs to be done. They are hoping that something can be done before winter to help stabilize it through the tough weather. They are looking for grants and benefactors to help with the cost.

Lilly Foundation Grant - Dale White, CEO Western Indiana Community Foundation

The Lilly Foundation gave a \$50,000 grant for the planning and evaluation of what programs or things need to be done within the area. There will be a meeting on September 23 & 24 in Attica, Covington, & Veedersburg and will be discussing high level needs in the county and get feedback from the communities.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

Claims #1 – 159 , Monthly Claims & Payroll Claims

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

Report of Collections - as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder, Prosecutor, Sheriff

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for July 31, 2019 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Work on Dixie Bee Rd on an open ditch that is now a closed ditch.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

The 3 large planters that were in front of the courthouse were bought with FEMA funds, so if the planters are sold, the funds need to go back to FEMA. According to the County Attorney, if the planters are valued over \$5,000 they need to be auctioned off to the public. If they are less than \$5,000 they will need to be disposed of or purchased and funds returned to FEMA.

It had been suggested that the planters be given to the Fairgrounds for the Master Gardeners to utilize for one of their projects.

AMBULANCE - Garth Kagels

The battery cable harness for the new truck is on back order indefinitely. Garth requested that they do what they needed to do to get the truck in working order because they needed the truck on the road.

Transfers – PUBLIC SAFETY

\$1,000 From 1170-0380-44300 Building Repairs
 To 1170-0380-22060 Janitorial

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the \$1,000 transfer. Vote: 3-0

Courthouse Concert Series

Fountain County Art Council are asking for permission to have bathroom access for September 21st Courthouse Concert Series at 7:00 p.m. featuring “Lilt” from the Crawfordsville area. Food will be available for purchase, no admission fees but, donations are appreciated.

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

Resolution 2013-8 - Disposition of County Property reviewed

A decision still needs to be made on what to do with the planters. If there are strings attached to the item, state statute has to be followed. If they decide to sell them and the value is over \$5,000, it has to be done at a public auction. If it’s less than that, it can be sold at a private sale.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

Attest-Brenda Hardy

Craig Stalter

Don Hesler

Tim Shumaker