

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 19, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Carol Freese – Fountain County Historical Society

She was inquiring as to whether or not the Cade's Mill Bridge needs to be inspected, who bears the cost and who would do it. USI Consulting and VS Engineering are both Contracted as On-Call and would be able to do the inspection. Carol is going to call the State and try and find out if an inspection even needs to be done, since it is a pedestrian bridge only.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Don Hesler and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the Drainage Board Minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

Claims #1 – 148	\$ 247,382.30
Payroll Claims 10/23/2020	\$ 231,540.70

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

Acknowledgement of Review of Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds by Commissioners as of September 30, 2020.

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 September 30, 2020 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Rusty Peevler

Removal of the trees in the canal by the Cade's Mill Covered Bridge will be removed Thursday.

1000 S (where AT&T had their cable) is now fixed.

They are right on schedule with everything else.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

He asked for the Commissioner's approval on the Fountain County Disaster Emergency Operations Plan.

A motion was made by Don Hesler and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Fountain County Disaster Emergency Operations Plan. Vote: 3-0

**Highway Dept – Radios & Equipment
1138-0000-44101 CCD - Equipment**

Pay for highway radios & equipment

The Repeater does not work. It is located in the upper level of the shop and will need to be moved to Rusty's office. The quote for the repeater is \$9,804.00 This amount does not include the moving of the repeater to Rusty's office.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to approve the request to pay for radios and new equipment out of CCD-Equipment line item.

Vote: 3-0

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT APPLICATION – COMMITTEMENT LETTER

Permission to apply for Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$660,000 and a Commitment Letter from Fountain County if awarded the Grant. The local match will be at least, but not limited to \$165,000 for our commitment.

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

Health Dept. – Acknowledgment of \$12,000 Distribution of GO Fund Me FUNDS approved by Fountain-Warren Health Board

Community Action Program, Inc.

Fountain County residents - \$5,000

Warren County residents - \$3,000

Fountain County Food Pantries

Area Sharing Kindness Food Pantry - \$1,000

Covington Community Food Pantry - \$1,000

Church of God Ministry Center Food Pantry - \$1,000

Warren County Food Co-op

A Better Way Food Co-op - \$1,000

RESOLUTION 2020-20

Cum Bridge

1135-0000-44900 Bridge Repairs \$150,000

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

Release Bond for Bell's Excavating - Landfill

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

AUDITOR - REPORT OF SCHOOL FUNDS – FINES & FORFEITURES \$671.50

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

Amend - IT Contract Agreement through 12/31/2020 - \$3,870 monthly

Currently the Contract for the Courthouse is \$2,000 monthly.

Amend the Current Contract Agreement or do hourly rate for Jail/Sheriff Dept.

Due to COVID, more computers have been purchased requiring updates, servicing, etc.

Courthouse - \$2,550

E-911 - \$ 210

EMS - \$ 360

Sheriff/Jail - \$ 750

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

Attica Library Board - Appointment

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Don Hesler to appoint Karen Truelove to replace Alison Schmid on the Attica Library Board of Fountain County for the remainder years of October 19, 2020 – June 1, 2022. Vote: 3-0

SRI Tax Sale

SRI conducted the Fountain County Tax Sale today and there were 42 properties on the sale and 13 bidders with \$116,206.69 collected from owners and buyers. The 23 remainder of eligible properties will be on the Commissioner Sale in early 2021.

Commissioners concerns –regarding Health Officer

They expressed their disappointment that Dr. Sharma has misrepresented the Commissioners in the media WLFI and J&C by saying "We're getting pushback from our community, and at times from our elected officials within the community... They may be advising schools in ways that conflict with the health department". "There has been lack of compliance, lack of respect for the disease, lack of masking, lack of consistent social distancing," said Dr. Sharma "This is prevalent in the community, It's prevalent in our small business and it's also prevalent in our elected leaders."

Amanda Strawser spoke up asking more about Dr. Sharma and how he gets appointed and term limits. She was speaking up for some residents that aren't happy with the job that the Health Officer (Dr. Sharma) is doing. They don't believe he is the best fit for Fountain County.

Discussion among the Commissioners of possible separation of the Fountain-Warren Health Department and Fountain County get their own Health Officer, etc.

Resolution 2020-19 to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act Funding

The CARES Act reimbursement for public health and public safety payroll shall be receipted into Fountain County CARES Act fund; and

Thereafter, instead of moving expenditures from the originating fund to the CARES fund, a claim shall be created against the CARES Act fund for the amount, up to the payroll reimbursement amount, that Fountain County determines shall be receipted into the general fund. This claim must be supported by the public health and/or public safety payroll costs that have been expensed from the general fund or other appropriate funds and clearly documented in the records of Fountain County and the money claimed shall be receipted into the general fund.

After the payroll reimbursement amount has been receipted into the general fund, the normal appropriation procedures shall apply to the expenditure of the reimbursement amount.

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

Vote: 3-0

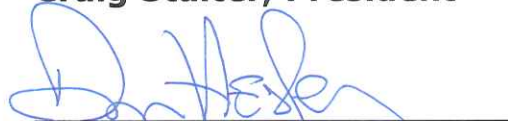
**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2020 8:30 A.M.**



**ATTEST: Brenda Hardy
Fountain County Auditor**



Craig Stalter, President



Don Hesler



Tim Shumaker

RESOLUTION 2020-19

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL AND FOUNTAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY PAYROLL COSTS

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Indiana as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana, Office of Management & Budget, issued a letter on May 14, 2020, announcing a direct distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) from the United States Treasury that may be used for the limited purposes set forth in section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Initial guidance from the federal government required that each state may only reimburse expenditures directly related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Board of Commissioners signed the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification in a public meeting on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Treasurer updated on September 2, 2020 the Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments, to include payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Fountain County Board of Commissioners in a public meeting on October 19, 2020, did vote in favor of requesting the reimbursement of payroll expenses of employees in the public health and public safety departments; and

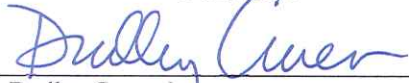
WHEREAS, a memo issued by State Board of Accounts on September 30, 2020, states that the governing body must adopt in a public meeting an ordinance or resolution that this alternative process will be used for at least part of the CARES reimbursement received from IFA for public health and/or public safety due to the declared health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fountain County Board of Commissioners and the Fountain County Council:

- The CARES reimbursement for public health and public safety payroll will be receipted into the CARES Fund, fund number 8900 as guided by State Board of Accounts.
- A claim will be created against the CARES Fund for the amount of the reimbursement.
- The money claimed will be receipted into County General, fund number 1000.
- Once receipted into County General, normal appropriation procedures will apply.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of October

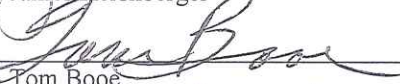
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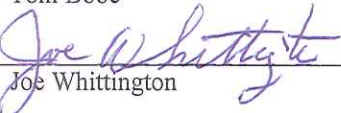
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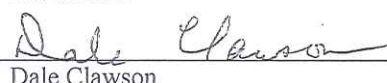


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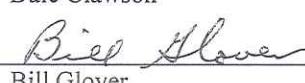


Joe Whittington

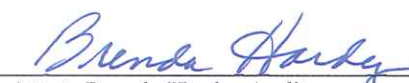
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Bill Glover



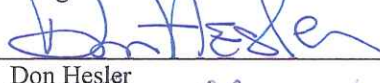
Attest: Brenda Hardy, Auditor

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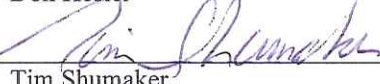
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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