

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 19, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting: Andrew Hall and Tim Shumaker. Brenda Hardy participated by Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting as presented. **Vote: 3-0**

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Council on July 12, 2021 as presented. **Vote: 3-0**

Claims 1–154 (\$206,274.79) & Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Claims. **Vote: 3-0**

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report of Funds for June 2021.

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for June, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. **Vote: 3-0**

**June Report of Collections - as submitted:
Health, Recorder and Sheriff**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the June Monthly Report of Collections received. **Vote: 3-0**

Commissary Report – June 2021

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Commissary Report from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. There is a balance of \$88,506.90 as of June 30, 2021. **Vote: 3-0**

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
COUNTY GENERAL**

JAIL	Janitorial	1000-0380-22060	\$9,000
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Due to the increased inmate population and the rising cost of cleaning supplies the appropriation line has been exhausted.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,000 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

PLAN COMMISSION – Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

After proper consideration, a majority of the Plan Commission members voted to certify the proposed text amendments to the Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation to clean-up and clarify the process for solar projects.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Vote: 2-0

(Brenda Hardy abstained)

CITY OF ATTICA – Attorney Jud Barce

Mr. Barce presented a proposed Resolution to remove property taxes, delinquencies, fees, special assessments and penalties, totaling \$52,594.27 for the City of Attica on six properties.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Resolution 2021-25 approving the cancellation of Property Tax Debt for Properties Owned by the City of Attica, Indiana.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth asked if the Commissioners would be interested in a county wide household membership for Stat Flights, which is a part of Ascension Health. It would be a savings to the individuals and not necessarily the county. Garth will set up a meeting for him and the Commissioners to meet with the representative to gather more information.

Garth inquired about an Ordinance for large public events so that EMS, Sheriff, Fire Depts and EMA would be prepared and ready. The County Attorney had some reservations about the jurisdiction. The permit process would only be for the unincorporated areas in Fountain County.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

Rusty reported that the radios should be delivered in two weeks as per Ra-Comm. However, he has been told this on more than one occasion. They have been ordered and are just waiting for the delivery.

They have been working on getting several roads back open in areas that received heavy rains in the last few weeks. There are also problems on Xavier Road with bridges and pipes.

He is having difficulties on maintaining the roadways in unincorporated towns. Some are not wide enough for him to get his equipment down. The new Right of Way Ordinance should be sufficient to address this problem. He stated that a decision needs to be made in regards to the oil shots on the gravel roads. He will get prices for the Commissioners. County Road 750 is closed. Semi-trucks have torn up the shoulders and there are several potholes. This is due to detours from State's construction projects. He also reported that CR 830 N, CR 850 E and CR 800 N is a detour for State Road 25 for bridge repair.

Joe Whitaker will get maps for the Stringtown area. Rusty and Roger will go look at the sink hole that came about after the earthquake.

They will begin work on removing the underground fuel tanks this week at the Highway Department.

Rusty stated that the new secretary at the department is having trouble with allergies due to possible mold and diesel fumes. Tim had an estimate from Newton's Cleaning to clean the duct work and the office area in the amount of \$3,423.82. They also suggested that an exhaust fan be put in the garage area and the parts room to remove the vehicle exhaust from the building.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

Joe reported that the State has opened up the grant process. He is currently working on the salary reimbursement grant. Last year we received \$18,000 but they have told him we could possibly receive up to \$32,000 this year. There is also a Haz Mat and a Special Projects grant available. He will be putting together an exercise for a LP fire exercise for next year.

Health – Erich Haley

Erich reported that the property on 234 has until Wednesday. If no response, it will be sent to the County Attorney for further action.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

There are 84 inmates currently at the Jail. We are getting paid for 31 of them.

Landfill – Greg Robison

An estimate was received from Bell's Excavating in the amount of \$48,450.00 for the detention pond closure, slope grading and erosion control measures. Greg reported that this will close us out until next year. Roger Azar will be collecting the results of the last 2 years of samples to review the trending.

COUNCIL – Air Conditioning

Some members of the council asked about getting 1 or 2 air units at a time or all of them replaced at the same time. It was suggested that an estimate be obtained for the whole building with a detailed scope of work that needs to be done.

It was also reported that BT Reynolds cannot get the two new air units for approximately two weeks due to backlog.

CUSTODIAN – Snow Removal & Mowing

Tim Shumaker would like to get bids for the snow removal and mowing of the Courthouse property. Colleen will submit a bid proposal to the paper to for bids.

COUNTY WEBSITE

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to move forward with the County Website with E-Gov Strategies.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
Monday, August 2, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Tim Shumaker