

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Claims 1– 135 (\$167,863.88), Unpublished Claims & Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the Claims.

Vote: 3-0

June Report of Collections - as submitted:

Ambulance

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the July Monthly Report of Collection as received. Vote: 3-0

BIDS – CO HIGHWAY SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The bids were opened by Andrew Hall. The bids were as follows:

Mr. Philip Fiscella

1999 International Oil Distributor \$3,203

2001 Chip Spreader \$3,253

Cedar Rapids Asphalt Paver \$3,553

Flat Rock Equipment/Eric Robertson

International Distributor \$22,500

Etnyre Chip Spreader \$25,000

Terex 352 Paver \$20,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the bid from Eric Robertson of Flat Rock Equipment. Vote: 3-0

EMA – Generator – Service Agreement Proposal

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the 3-year service agreement with MacAllister CAT for the generator in the total amount of \$5,207. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff – Tim Shumaker spoke on the Sheriff's behalf letting the commissioners know that a man had been calling dispatch complaining about them and cases that had not been solved or dealt with. Since then, it has been looked into and the cases have been solved. The Sheriff was unable to be at the meeting due to being on a call.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Stat Flight was unable to make it to the meeting, but they will be at the Night Out Against Crime at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. He will speak with them then.

Clerk – Paula Copenhaver

Paula updated the Commissioners on the Redistricting of the Precincts. She is aware of some annexations that need to be taken into consideration. She has completed the Task Force list and is waiting for the information from the Census. She also stated that they will be going to paper based voting machines. Fountain County is the last to implement these machines. Paula also stated that she has lost two employees in recent months due to the pay. They both have went back to their previous employer as they have increased the pay. She would like to see longevity pay for the employees. Tim Shumaker would like to explore the possibility of a 4-day work week and would like to meet with the officeholders. Paula also reminded everyone of the constitution class. You may attend in person or online.

Health – Kelly Thornburgh

She requested to purchase her Mac Book Air that she has been using since 2014. She will be leaving the Health Department and would like to take it with her.

The County Attorney stated that as long as the value is below \$1,000 that the Commissioners could dispose of it.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to allow Kelly Thornburgh to purchase the Mac Book Air in the amount of \$200.00. Vote: 3-0

She also asked permission to advertise to fill her position as Grant Coordinator for the Health Department.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve advertising for the position of Grant Coordinator at the Health Department to replace Kelly Thornburgh. Vote: 3-0

Jenny Eads added that the property on 234 E will be starting clean up. They have been in contact with the Health Department and are working with them.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

The tanks have been removed and inspected by Roger Azar. He has found no issues with the tanks themselves. They did have an issue on the SE corner by where the diesel tank was. The tanks had no issues nor the piping. They believe it is from the previous tanks. The first sample came back like tar and the water samples were questionable. The hole has been filled in, capped and asphalted. They are waiting on the results from the samples that were sent to IDEM.

There is a sink hole on Stringtown Road. They were going to try and fix it, but with liability issues, they have decided to bid it out to have it fixed and assessed properly.

The Road grader program is working, they are starting to see a difference. There is still a dust issue and funding is huge, but the program is working. Mr. Slider will be having a meeting with them to see about fixing the Rob Roy Bridge. Once it is done, new speed signs, height restrictions and weight signs will be put up.

On August 9, 2021, RA COMM will start installing their equipment.

The Highway Department has a serious air flow problem. They received 2 bids to fix/clean the duct work and add a positive pressure room. There also needs to be a new ventilation system put in. The 2 quotes are from: BT Reynolds in the amount of \$4,070.00 and Lincicum Heating and Air LLC in the amount of \$4,960.00.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the proposal from BT Reynolds in the amount of \$4,070.00.

Vote: 3-0

This will be done on August 5th, 2021.

A motion was by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to have Newton's Clean the duct work, clean walls, etc.

Vote: 3-0

Cleaning will be done after BT Reynolds has completed the project. Projection date: August 9th.

It was also brought up to have bi weekly or weekly cleaning at the County Highway done by Susie's Sparkles LLC.

\$60 Weekly

\$100.00 Bi Weekly

+ \$20 every quarter for the cleaning solution

They will be discussing this further at the budget hearing next week. The Jail and EMS may be interested as well.

Assessor – Sandy Whitaker

Next year starts the 4-year assessment. She would like to get bids for a new company to come do that. The County Attorney says they need to go through the Commissioners and not through the assessor's office.

COURTROOM – Air Conditioning

Andrew explained that BT Reynolds could not get the units that were bid. The units that were put in are comparable but with a heat pump with an additional cost of \$750.00

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional cost and seconded by Andrew Hall.

Vote: 3-0

Tim Shumaker - Progress on Ongoing projects

The website is in the works. Information needs to be gathered from all departments for what they want on the website once we get the contract and execute it.

The Old Jail needs to have something done with it. Either is gets torn down, sold or given away, a decision needs to be made. More discussion will be made on this subject next week at the budget hearing on Monday.

The Commissioners have an 8:50 a.m. time slot.

Trailer Ordinance is being worked on by the County Attorney, along with the Paws & Claws contract and Watson (vacating street in Rob Roy).

On August 17, 2021 at the Williamsport Library, there will be a meeting with the Wabash River Greenway. They will be discussing the 90-mile trail stretching from Logansport, IN to State Road 234 in Fountain County. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
AUGUST 16, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Cecilia Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

A. Star

Amelia A. Chambers