

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 19, 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**

**Henry Schmidt –Chairman of the Arts Council**

**CADES COVERED BRIDGE**

He publicly thanked the County Highway for their work on removing the trees and cleaning up around the bridge. CLR out of Bloomington, IN is who they would like to do the work on the Bridge. The under core, flooring, siding and painting need to be re-done. An estimate of \$405,000 has been given for the work. They received a couple of other estimates, but this was the cheapest.

A major fundraiser will need to be done. The Art Council needs a letter of intent and approval to raise the funds from the Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the Art Council to raise funds to repair and restore the Cades Mill Bridge.**

**Vote: 3-0**

They also asked permission to place a classy thermometer on the Courthouse lawn to show their progress in the fundraising for Cades Mill Bridge. Commissioners agree that it is ok to do.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS #1- 131 (\$183,771.07) & Payroll Claims**

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

**December Report of Collections - as submitted:**

**Ambulance**

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

**Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report of Funds for December 2020. TABLED**

**RQAW – UPDATE on Courthouse Renovation/Heating and Cooling – Chris & Brianna**

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM/MAC VAN** - Received request for yearly donation for the Mac Van.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to give Community Action Program/Mac Van a donation in the amount of 3,000. Vote: 3-0

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Robert Shepherd to the Cemetery Commission. Vote: 3-0

**PAWS N' CLAWS – CONTRACT RENEWAL –**

This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. They need to be contacted for a revision of the contract and agreements to be met quarterly.

**SPYGLASS -**

An invoice in the amount of \$2,950.00 for the Annual Spy Glass contract from 10/24/20 to 10/23/21 was received. The County Attorney will be looking into the matter to see if we can terminate the contract.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall contingent on what the decision is to keep or terminate Spyglass immediately and not wait until the 3-year agreement is up in October.  
Vote: 3-0

### **VS ENGINEERING – New Fee Schedule for 2021**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the fee schedule from VS Engineering for 2021.  
Vote: 3-0

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **Highway – Rusty Peevler**

He would like to have a 4-5 month head start on planning for the next bridges to be worked on. It makes the process much smoother and less costly. Working with VS Engineering has made it a seamless process. The next 2 bridges they will be working on are the 770 Bridge which is on Co Rd 770 and Scottsdale Bridge north of 136.

They have a lease payment coming up and will be needing an additional appropriation to pay it.

They purchasing their clothing through Big R in Crawfordsville. They went out of business and now Stock and Field is going out of business and will not honor the agreement. They need to find a new place to buy their clothes or maybe receive a stipend for clothes.

An AT&T Fiber Optics cable line was damaged. The County repeatedly asked AT&T to move it so they could fix the road. They refused to move the line and are now charging the County to replace the Fiber Optic Line. The Highway Department does not feel that it is their responsibility since they asked over and over for them to move it and were assured by AT&T that it would not be damaged. The County Attorney will be looking into it.

### **Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

In their budget, they have been trying to replace an ambulance every other year. \$160,000 is budgeted for this year. He would like to use the box he has on the 2010 v10 Gas Horton Ambulance and remount it on a 2021 Chassis. This way is much cheaper and the box they have is still in really good shape.

He heard from Parke County that they were able to use Cares Act money to purchase new Heating/Cooling filtering system. They would like to do the same thing in the bay of the Med Shed. They have gotten 2 proposals from Reynolds out of Attica and Davis out of Frankfort. From his research, Hi-Wave filtration system seems to be the best option. The Commissioners asked to have a proposal from each company for Hi-Wave Filtration to compare pricing.

Lastly, they are looking into getting bullet proof vests. They are going to try to get a grant to cover the cost, but if not, they would like to take it out of Cum Cap Development, Riverboat or CEDIT. An Additional Appropriation would have to be done as well.

### **EMA- Joe Whitaker**

He is working with the State for the webinar Cyber Security Exercise. Department Heads, Commissioners, Council and Keller PC will be invited. He will be putting it up on the big screen in the EOC.

He is working with the Health Department to get a vaccine site up and running in Veedersburg.

Also, to be NIMMS compliant, the Commissioners need to take an online course. This is needed to apply for any grant money. The course trains them on how to work with Law Enforcement and First Responders.

### **Landfill – Greg Robison**

He attended the Solid Waste meeting and has requested that the oldest skid steer be changed out to a track unit to be utilized for the landfill. It will need some attachments for cutting, grabbing and possibly forks.

There were no citations on the last report from the State.

**Auditor – Colleen Chambers**

Quote for a new printer \$5,925.00 from Cardinal. This is to replace the printer in the middle room.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to make the purchase. Vote: 3-0

**Excess Equipment**

The Highway and Sheriff departments have extra equipment that needs to be gone through and either gotten rid of or donated. A lot of what the Sheriff’s department has may be able to be donated to the Fairgrounds.

The flower pots were supposed to be donated to the fairgrounds as well. They are currently at Craig Stalter’s residence. The Commissioners would like to move them as soon as possible.

**SEALED BIDS - Gravel, Stone & Rip Rap  
Liquid Asphalt  
Tile & Sewer**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the bids contingent on the Highway Superintendent going through them. They will respond at the next meeting. Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers  
**ATTEST**

Brenda Hardy  
Andrew Hall  
Tim Shumaker