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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 1, 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 January 19, 2021 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS #1- 151 (\$183,771.07); Non-Published Claims & 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:
Clerk, Health Dept., & Recorder**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall 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.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation Report for December 31, 2020 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

COVINGTON-VEEDERSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY - Terry Fields

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker to appoint Terry Fields to the Covington-Veedersburg Public Library Board from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024. Andrew Hall seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

SEALED BIDS – GRAVEL, STONE & RIP RAP; LIQUID ASPHALT; TILE & SEWER –

A bid was inadvertently omitted at the last meeting. It was received in a timely manner. A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to include the bid from Rogers Group and approve it with the other bids from the previous meeting. All bids were accepted with materials/services to be purchased at the Highway Superintendent's discretion. Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION 2021-1 Authorizing Execution and Submission of INDOT Agreement (Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Agreement)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to adopt Resolution 2021-1 giving Commissioner President, Brenda Hardy, authorization to execute and submit any agreement for the grant funding pertaining to the Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to execute Contract #A249-LG200403 and Contract #A249-21-LG200404 for the Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Rusty Peevler

He gave an update on the items that will need to be paid, regardless of not receiving the amount of money previously expected from the State.

An additional will be needed to cover the following:

Grader #53: \$183,770.45

John Deere Tractor already ordered: \$102,969.08

Dump Trucks already ordered: \$291,044.00

Total: \$577,783.53

From the heavy weekend snow, about 60 mailboxes were damaged. They were not directly hit by the truck itself, but by the heavy snow that came off of the trucks. The GPS showed that no truck was traveling over 28 mph.

Starting July 1, 2021, there will be a .10 a gallon gas tax. It is earmarked for Roads and streets. This is State wide.

He will be giving any alerts about closures and road work to Joe Whitaker to put on the EMA Facebook page and website.

The 100-day program for grader school will start July 1st, 2021 and will affect Davis, Richland, Cain and Jackson townships, East of 41.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

An original quote of \$2,250.00 was given last year for 6 toilets to be replaced. The Commissioners approved 3 last year to be replaced. He came to the Commissioners to replace the other 3 because there are still issues with flushing and not enough water force.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to purchase the other 3 toilets for the Med Shed.

Vote: 3-0

Garth received a quote from BT Reynolds for i-Wave heating/cooling and would like to use Cares Act funds. It will be put on the Council Agenda for Monday.

The heating in the floor in the Med Shed bay is only working at 50%. It needs some attention.

The total runs for 2020 was 2,270.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

The Jail currently has 51 inmates (32 are local inmates). The lobby is cold at the new Jail and needs to be addressed.

Assessor – Sandy Whitaker

The 911 addressing computer crashed. Brad Keller was able to restore it, but it is on its way out. Beacon-Schneider was able to put the information on the GIS system, but it is jumbled. She contracted with Beacon-Schneider to get it cleaned up and run more efficiently. The contract includes 26 hours of support. She would like to get rid of Sidwell. They have not done a good job for the County. Sandy would like replace them with Beacon-Schneider.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to ratify the agreement with Beacon-Schneider.

Vote: 3-0

EMA- Joe Whitaker

The message boards should be delivered in the next 2 weeks. The Commissioners need to get their Fed ID#'s so that they can take their classes to be certified. FEMA training.gov is the website they need to use to take their classes.

Clerk – Paula Copenhaver

She is down 2 employees and will be hiring 2 people. She has offered the position to one individual already. She will be interviewing for the other.

Landfill – Greg Robison

Glascok gave a quote for the replacement unit for the Solid Waste Loader.

It has a trade in value of \$18,000. It would be another \$55,216.00 to purchase the new Loader.

The County has spent close to a million dollars to clean up the landfill and needs good equipment to maintain the work that has been done.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the purchase and trade in of the Solid Waste's loader to have a dual use for Solid Waste and the Landfill.

Vote: 3-0

It will be left up to the Council to decide where the funds will come out of to pay the \$55,216.

Colleen Chambers stated that the Solid Waste does not have the funds to cover that purchase.

Maintenance – Rick Beck

Temporary help is needed to help with the snow removal this winter. There is money in the part time line item. The Commissioners are going to get a quote from Smarts Landscaping to see if they would be interested in taking care of the snow removal. If not, there is a guy here in town that is willing to help out as needed.

TradeCraft – Auditor's Office & Probation

They will be starting the repairs on February 22. The radiator in the Courtroom was capped off so it will no longer leak. The quote that was received to fix the Auditor's office ceiling was \$3,755.52.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to pay \$6,490.88 for the completion of the Probation Hallway and \$3,755.52 for the Auditor's Office. **Vote: 3-0**

COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners would like to have professionals come in and go through the County Buildings and make a master list of everything that needs to be repaired.

Paws and Claws is putting together a Financial Report. The Commissioners are meeting with them this week to see the facility and come to an agreement before a new contract is drawn up.

They would like to break the contract with Spyglass. They have not been saving the County any money and have been contacting people that they are not authorized to do so. Keller PC has saved the County more money. They would like Brad Keller to be a part of the conference call with them to terminate the Contract. There will be a fee for ending the contract early according to the Termination Clause. The end of the contract is October of this year.

There is a House Bill 1381 that deals with the Solar/Wind Energy Ordinances and it states that the State will set an overall guideline and that the Counties can't make any changes to it. As to date, the Bill has not passed but many think it will get approved.

Brad Keller – Keller PC

911 is going to move to Fiber Optics. It will add \$40.00 a month to the Courthouse Internet bill, but will relieve \$150.00 from the 911 budget monthly.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to add a block of IP Addresses, change to Fiber optics and approve the \$40.00 a month increase. **Vote: 3-0**

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

Cory Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall