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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 15, 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

Bill Stonecipher – CR W 240 N

Bill Stonecipher expressed concern over CR W 240 N. If the road is indeed closed, it will landlock residents and they will not be able to access their homes, refinance, etc. County Road W 240 N is not on the inventory list for the County Highway Department. The County does not receive funds to maintain it.

The Commissioners agree that they do not want to put any of the residents in jeopardy of being landlocked. They want to figure out whether or not it was closed in earlier years. The County Attorney is going to research the process to declare it a public way.

Public Hearing -USDA Rural Development

The public hearing for the USDA Rural Development Grant for Sheriff's vehicles was opened at 9:05 a.m. and closed at 9:06 a.m. with no public comment.

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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meetings as presented.

*Tim Shumaker was not present.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1 – 182 (\$244,462.01) & Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report of Funds for February 2021.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation Report for February 28, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 3-0

February Report of Collections - as submitted:

Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept., Recorder & Sheriff

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the February Monthly Report of Collections received.

Vote: 3-0

CASA – Audrey Hayman

Rental of Building for the CASA Program

Audrey started with CASA in 2016. Since then, the program has grown considerably. They need a facility to do visits, training, family programs, dinners, etc. A lot of times, children are taken away in the middle of the night and are in need of a safe place to go while awaiting placement. The building that was found is in Veedersburg and has a rent of \$800.00 per month. It will be paid for through grant money. The Fountain Warren CASA program currently has 29 Casas in Fountain County and 15 in Warren County.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the leasing of the CASA Facility in Veedersburg. Vote: 3-0

PROCLAMATION – SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK
Kent Minnette read the proclamation made by the Governor, declaring March 14-20, 2021 severe weather preparedness week.

SEALED BIDS – Fountain County 2020-2 CCMG Projects (CR 750 N from SR 55 to SR 341 and CR 300 N from SR 341 to County Line Road)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to award the project to Milestone in the amount of \$312,828.00. Vote: 3-0

ROGER AZAR – DECKARD ENGINEERING/SURVEYING

Fuel Tank Removal
There are 2 tanks that need to be removed from underground at the County Highway Department before October 1st, 2021 or the County will start receiving a penalty of \$1,000 a day.
Roger gave his recommendations. He thinks the tanks should be removed and above ground tanks be put in. That way they are monitored better and upkeep is maintained. Ceres Solutions is willing to put in 2 tanks at no cost and fill them. He gave a couple quotes on how much it will be to remove the tanks. It will be approximately \$70,000. The bids only have to be requested, not advertised.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow Roger Azar to continue working on this project and start the bidding process. If he reaches or goes over his cap contracted with the county, he will continue to work and be compensated.

Vote: 3-0

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

CEDIT – Commissioner Capital Outlay \$400,000
This amount is needed to cover the costs on the equipment lease and purchase for the County Highway Dept.

CCD – Ambulance-Automobiles	\$ 32,000.00
Equipment (Co Hwy)	\$178,000.00

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the request and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

Request to Transfer
\$468.00 from Co General – Co Commissioner COVID-19 (1000-0068-22023) to Circuit Court COVID -19 Part time (1000-0232-10120).

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

\$14,630.57 from Co General – Co Commissioner COVID-19 OT (1000-0068-10119) to Health Dept COVID OT (1159-0000-10119).

Cut a check in the amount of \$11,527.22 from Co General – Co Commissioners COVID-19 (1000-0068-22023) to Health Dept COVID-19 OT (1159-000-10119).

*These last 2 items are tabled contingent on the Council

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Rusty Peevler

He still hasn't gotten approval on the Grader School program. If they are going to do it, it needs to start soon.

The Highway Department radios need to be updated. There is a \$75,260.70 RA Comm proposal to do that and make everything compatible with each other. Rusty will also get a quote by the end of the day for a service contract for the radios.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to purchase 45 radios from RA Comm and update the system in the amount of \$75,260.70. This is contingent on the Council approval as well and from which fund to be paid from, if approved. Vote: 3-0

Rob Roy Bridge needs to have a lowered height restriction. UPS trucks and others are still using it and breaking boards. The County Attorney is going to see what they have to do to change the height restrictions.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

The new boilers are working well. There was an additional cost of \$247.00. The air separator had an issue. There are also two separate invoices in the total amount of \$1,985.00 for work done prior to the repair just to keep the temperatures up in the bay area.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to pay the invoices due to Scott Williams, contingent on the Council advisement. Vote: 3-0

He would also like to purchase 5 thermometers. They would cost \$1,375.00 to purchase them. He would like to use Cares Act money.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to purchase the thermometers through the Cares Act fund contingent on the Council approval. Vote: 3-0

They are going to need to remount or purchase another new ambulance before the normal cycle. The miles are getting too high on the vehicle. The Commissioners are looking at going with Enterprise Fleet to lease vehicles for the county. More information to come.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

There are 66 in the Jail currently and they are mainly out of county inmates. They are expecting 30 more by June or July from Vermillion County while they renovate their Jail.

The Body Scanner has been ordered and should be there within 10 days. There is still no thermostat in the vestibule and there are issues with the generator.

Courthouse Maintenance

The handler on the roof is still under warranty. Scott Williams is working on an alternative air handler because the replacement won't be here until June. Cement Quote from Smart's Landscaping in the amount of \$1,900.00 was given to repair the exterior stairway and railing leading to the basement. There is also a 3'x3' hole that leaks, they would like to make it so it doesn't leak but not fill it in because it is the only access to the basement to remove the boilers or other equipment.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote from Smarts Landscaping in the amount of \$1,900 to repair the exterior steps and railing leading to the basement.

Vote: 3-0

LIBERTY POWER – Olivia Neter

A presentation on a solar project being proposed in Fountain County over a zoom meeting. The slide show was sent to the commissioners after the meeting for further advisement.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
April 5, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
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Andrew Hall
Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker
Tim Shumaker