

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Robert Lawson – Tim Shumaker spoke on behalf of Robert Lawson stating that Lawson owns all the property around a parcel (23-11-06-300-164.000-018) in Veedersburg. He would like to acquire this parcel as well. The County Attorney stated that two appraisals would have to be obtained and that the property could not sell for less than the average of the two appraisals.

Brian Cohen- He lives on South Cates Road outside of Kingman. He is having a major problem with a neighbor that has a lot of animals and their waste is flowing into his private pond killing his fish. He claims that the neighbor is purposely trying to poison his pond. He has had to put 2 aerators in the pond to help keep the fish alive. The County does have a nuisance ordinance. The County attorney will look over the ordinance and see if there is any action that the County can take against the neighbor. There is also a drain that goes through his land. Roger Azar has confirmed that it is not a county drain. Roger and Kent both agree he needs to seek private counsel to help in this matter.

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

CLAIMS 1-183 (\$293,309.24) & 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 April 2021.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation Report for April, 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

**March Report of Collections - as submitted:
Recorder & Sheriff**

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

CARS GRANT – PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 9:21 a.m. Public Comment: Jill Pastore explained what the grant was for and how it helps people living in the community with disabilities but can't get out. The \$50,000 grant is for a Coordinator for this program. There was no other public comment. The public hearing was closed at 9:23 a.m.

There was also a 4-factor analysis done which included a survey for the offices that needed assistance to be available for people with language barriers. Laptops are set up in the offices to help in that area.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the 4 factor Analysis with the amendment to item #4 regarding the laptops. Vote: 3-0

TCF LEASE – 2022 Kenworth T470 Chassis w/Etnyre Centennial 3500 Gallon Distributor

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to give approval to Rusty Peevler to sign the lease agreement for the above-named equipment as per Resolution 2021-12. Vote: 3-0

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

County General

Ambulance	Equipment 1000-0301-33650	\$10,000.00
Plan Commission	Consulting Fees-Zoning 1000-0079-33250	\$10,000.00
Jail	Jailers (4)	\$89,602.00
	OT Jailers	\$ 5,000.00
Coroner	Autopsy	\$10,000.00
	Body Transport	\$ 1,000.00
	Toxicology	\$ 2,000.00
	On Call	\$ 1,000.00

Total **\$128,602.00**

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

Cumulative Capital Development Fund

No Department Capital Outlay \$ 32,000.00

Total CCD Fund **\$ 32,000.00**

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

MVH

General & Undistributed Equipment \$941,404.00

Total MVH Fund **\$941,404.00**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request and send it to the Council for approval contingent on the Council's preference of fund to be advertised. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway – Rusty Peevler

He put in for a large additional. Included in that additional is a Pneumatic Tire Roller, Double Drain Roller with vibrator, Single Pad foot vibrator roller, (2) Hotboxes and a paver.

All of the current equipment is over 25 years old and not in good working condition.

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There is still a sink hole on 1400N. It is getting bigger and needs to be fixed immediately. Rusty stated that this road is very busy as many vehicles travel it on a daily basis. Stull's quote came in at \$26,100 and Bell's Excavating is \$26,800.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to select Bell's excavating for the project even though it was a higher quote. The decision was based on past work with the County, experience and the on-time bid completion for the scope of work.

Vote: 3-0

A quote was received from Randy Slider of Slider Roofing to repair the metal roof and damaged decking on the Cades Covered Bridge in the amount of \$9,600.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the \$9,600 bid to fix the Cades Mill Covered Bridge. They would like to pay for it out of the Covered Bridge line item in Cum Bridge.

Vote: 3-0

Health Dept. – Kelly Thornburg

Kelly stated that she will be sending the paperwork to the State to close the OCRA grant as they are de-obligating the grant. She also asked if they could move \$1,800 to Fund 9777 to cover some administration costs they have incurred.

She also stated that Fund 9777 (CARES ACT) is in the red. For several weeks, the State keeps telling her that they will be sending more money in two weeks and it still has not come through. She is working to get the fund back in the black. The overtime for the clinic will be easing up. The vaccination clinic will be closing on May 25th. She will have 2 hours overtime every Wednesday and at least two hours on Saturday for the ones administering the vaccine on these days during the extended hours at the Health Department.

They received an \$8,000 grant along with 400 doses of vaccine from Moderna to have extended hours using the Moderna vaccine.

Each County received \$33,000 from the State. Since Fountain and Warren Counties are combined for the Health Department, they will only receive \$33,000 just like all of the other counties. She feels that both Fountain and Warren should get \$33,000 each. It is an 18-month award and it has been submitted.

There is an immunization grant every year in the amount of \$19,000. This year it can be used for personnel for COVID and can be put towards the negative balance in 9777.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

There will be a table top exercise in June. Several Counties are included in this exercise and the EOC will be opened up.

CLERK – PAULA COPENHAVER

She is in the process of standardizing the names of the townships on the voter registration. She will be bringing an Order to the Commissioners on re-naming and re-numbering the precincts.

The Clerk's office will be closed on June 17, 2021. They are going to Conference for training.

Paula will be teaching a Constitution Class in July. It is a 6-week course, 1 night a week, for about 1½ hours.

She is also rearranging the office to make it more functionable. There are a couple outlets that aren't working and need to be updated.

Roger Azar – Drains

The field work is almost done on the drains. He asked if the farmers could be made aware that they are working on them and will do their best to stay off of the crops. Since a lot of the farmers have planted all of the way up to the roads and drains, even though they aren't supposed to, it makes it nearly impossible to stay off of the crops entirely.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY,
June 7, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers
Colleen Chambers, Auditor

Brenda Hardy
Brenda Hardy, President
Andrew Hall
Andrew Hall
Timothy Shumaker
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