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**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 16, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Tim Shumaker gave an update on Terry Allen's health and informed every one of the passing of Richard Klage (former Commissioner and Councilman).

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS 1-145 (\$153,004.58) & Payroll Claims**

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

Vote: 3-0

**July Report of Collections - as submitted:  
Clerk, Recorder & Sheriff  
Clerk's Monthly Report**

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

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

Vote: 3-0

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
CEDIT (1112)**

<b>33500</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>33400</b>	<b>Printing &amp; Advertising</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>44101</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional requests and send them to the Council for approval.

Vote: 3-0

**CARES ACT MONEY (COVID Overtime)**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to cease using Cares Act Money to fund the Health Department Overtime. Vote: 3-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

There is an issue with birds in the bay area at the Med Shed. They are making a mess in the ceiling, droppings on the trucks and floor. It is making for unsanitary conditions. He received 3 different quotes from Terminix to solve the problem.

1. Sound Boxes \$860
2. Door Curtains \$4,973
3. Netting around the ceiling \$12,225

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They currently have a sound machine and it has not been successful in keeping them away.

Andrew said they are talking about putting in air conditioning at the Med Shed and that would eliminate the need for the doors to stay open. Also, enclosing the ceiling area and putting sensors on the doors to shut after the trucks leave the bay would also help to alleviate the problem. There will be more discussion on this topic.

They are not going to be using the Wex fuel cards anymore, unless it is an emergency. It has been found that it is more cost effective to fuel up at the Highway Department, especially for diesel.

There is also an issue with the 2015 Wheel Coach Truck (192,000 miles). The low antifreeze light keeps coming on. They refill it and it comes back. They have to figure out where it is leaking from. He will keep them updated.

### **Highway – Rusty Peevler**

He received a quote from Mr. Slider on the Rob Roy Bridge in the amount of \$6,850 for repairs. Rusty gave the go ahead to start the repairs.

The surplus equipment that was up for bid was paid for by Flatrock Equipment in the amount of \$67,500. An additional appropriation will be needed to put the funds back into the account.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve an additional appropriation being done to put \$67,500 back in the equipment line item.** **Vote: 3-0**

The 2 trucks that were ordered earlier will not be available until later in the year. There is 1 other comparable truck available from another dealer that is ready to go and the same price. The County Attorney is going to look and see if they can get out of the contract.

The work on CR 750 began today. Milestone will begin work on CR 300 around August 20. The bid was awarded to Milestone through the Community Crossings Grant. They are having some difficulty with the new hotboxes due to how they are wired. The company will be coming out to correct the problem. Rusty reported that they will be concentrating on mowing roadsides.

### **CR 775 E – William VanHook**

There is approximately a ½ mile stretch on CR 775 E that is open. However, if it was closed it would landlock the property owner. The remainder of the road is closed and is currently being farmed. We are receiving mileage for this road from the State.

**Tim Shumaker made a motion to keep CR 775 E open for ½ mile North of 800 N and vacate the remainder of CR 775 E to 950 N. His motion also directed the County Attorney to start the necessary paperwork. Andrew Hall seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 3-0**

### **Linda Whitaker – Mapping**

There has been an ongoing ordeal with closing a street in VanBuren Township. The County is being paid for the road from the state. This has been going on for 5 years. The road involved is New Century Road. On the paperwork, it states westerly and it should be easterly. The County Attorney is going to see if the paperwork was done properly and can be fixed by a scrivener's error affidavit or if they need to start the process over.

### **Clerk – Paula Copenhaver**

She is still working on redistricting the County. It is a process.

She filled the full-time opening in her office with her part time person, but now has a part time position open.

She asked if there can be an ordinance to charge for electronic files. Currently, when she sends a document through email, it is free and there is no way of tracking how many documents or money they are losing by sending it electronically. The County attorney will look into this and she is also going to call other counties to see how they handle the situation. The last Constitution Class is this Thursday at 6pm.

**Purdue Extension – Adam Tyler**

There is a Full-Time position available for a Health Educator. It requires a bachelor's degree.

**Old Jail – Tina Holmes & Kathleen Osborne**

They received a quote from Dean Burke in the amount of \$59,000 for the demo of the old Jail and removal of debris.

They would like to have a new building put on the lot to house EMA, 911 and the Coroner. The building will be approximately 10,000 square feet. They will have quotes at the next meeting.

In response to the presentation, Tim does not want to put a new building in that location. He feels it will be too expensive to level the ground before even building on it, since the previous jail to this one was buried and making the ground unsteady. He would like to give the land to the City of Covington. They have intentions of building a new Fire Station and allowing the County to house the 911 in the building with a lease.

Brenda and Andrew are not necessarily against the building going there and don't necessarily want to give the land away. Everyone agrees that they need a building, but not certain on where to put it.

The Commissioners would like them to get quotes for the total budget of the project, preferably itemized, and to get an idea of how it would be funded.

**Olivia Neter – Liberty Power**

She came to introduce herself and update the Commissioners on a Solar Project in Van Buren Township. It is on the land of Henderson and Bilsland. The area includes up to 2,000 acres around Osborne Prairie Church, west of Stone Bluff Road.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY,  
September 7, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

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Tim Shumaker