

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 7, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

CADES HOLLOW COVERED BRIDGE

Henry Schmidt, Carol Freese and Jim Hegg approached the Commissioners in regard to committing approximately \$200,000 to secure a contract to begin restoration of the Covered Bridge. Cades Hollow Bridge is the oldest Covered Bridge in Indiana. If they use County funds, they will have to bid out the project. If they stay with private funding, they can continue using the company they have been established with. They are going to weigh the options to see if it is worth using County funds or continue to raise money and do it on their own. More discussion will be had at the next meeting.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-233 (\$466,671.71), Unpublished Claims & Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

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

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

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

Vote: 3-0

LANDFILL – Contract Extension

Mark Froedge would like to extend the contract and do some re-seeding for the hay fields at the landfill. TABLED

TRANSFER REQUEST

Treasurer (1000-0003)

From: 1000-0003-44101	Equipment	
To: 1000-0003-33130	Contractual Services	\$1000

Health Dept (1159)

From: 1159-0000-12000	Group Health	
To: 1159-0000-22000	Supplies	\$500

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

Vote: 3-0

MVH (1176)

From: 0533-22031	Tires
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To:	0533-22041	Other Garage & Motor	\$13,455.26
From:	0531-22400	Grader Blades	
To:	0533-22041	Other Garage & Motor	\$12,793.52
From:	0533-22501	Gas & Oil	
To:	0530-22000	Office Supplies	\$5,000

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

REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Cut a check: in the amount of \$11,331.46 from 1000-0068-22023 (COVID-19 OT) to be receipted into 1159-000-10119 (COVID-19 OT) to cover the costs for the clinic in the amount of \$16,996.34. (Warren Co Share \$5,664.88)

Transfer: \$924.00 from 1000-0068-22023 (COVID-19 OT) to 1000-0232-10120 (COVID 19 Part Time).

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

HEALTH (1159)

10119	COVID-19 Overtime	\$10,000
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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request for the COVID 19 Overtime and send it to the council for approval. Vote: 3-0

CEDIT (1112)

Commissioners (0068)

33400	Printing & Advertising	\$750
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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional request for the CEDIT fund in the amount of \$750 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY GENERAL MAINTENANCE II (4932)

33250	Consulting Fees	\$70,000
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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in the amount of \$70,000 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

33601	Other Repairs & Maintenance	\$20,000
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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in the amount of \$20,000 for the maintenance of the landfill that includes pond closure, slope grading and erosion control and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY GENERAL (1000)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (0361)

22022	Emergency Fund	\$2,892
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Expenses for the Luke Bryan Farm Concert in the amount of \$2,892 for rental of two generators

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional request in County General in the amount of \$2,892 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

Jail (0380)

14000	Overtime	\$7,500
22080	Prisoner Meals	\$45,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in County General – Jail in the amount of \$52,500 and to send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

LIT – PUBLIC SAFETY (1170)

SHERIFF (0005)

14000	Overtime	\$7,500
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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in the amount of \$7,500 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY WEBSITE – Contract

The County Attorney has reviewed the contract with e-Gov Strategies for the county website.

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

C.A.R.S Grant Agreement – Grant has been approved in the amount of \$55,500 and needs Commissioner signature.

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

Ordinance 2021-10 – Vacating Certain Platted but Undeveloped/Unused Alley & Streets in the Unincorporated Town of Rob Roy

This will be the first reading of Ordinance 2021-10
There will be a public hearing at the 1st meeting in October.

Town of Veedersburg - Tim Shumaker

The Town of Veedersburg wants to purchase 5-10 acres of land by the new Jail to put in a Solar Farm. This section of land is not part of the landfill. They will get a credit from IMPA if they erect a solar farm. Tim will be speaking to Veedersburg about a price and letting them know that the Commissioners will take it into consideration.

SEALED BIDS – Reassessment for the Assessor

Two bids were received. One from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$414,000 and Advalorem Solutions in the amount of \$344,640. The commissioners will take the bids under advisement.

PAWS & CLAWS AGREEMENT

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the agreement with Paws & Claws giving Andrew authorization to make minor final changes as needed.

BRENT BAUERBAND – Economic Development (WHIN)

Six Counties have come together including Fountain County. They are looking to receive a 50-million-dollar grant. They need matching funds from each county. The Community Foundation is awarding \$500,000. Another \$200,000 for 2 years is needed to complete the project. This will complete the 90-mile trail starting from Logansport, IN going to 234 in southern Fountain County. They have to have the READI grant submitted by September 30. The Commissioners will consult with the Council on Monday and make a decision on where to take the funds from.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Sheriff – Andrew Krout

The Lexipol program redoes policies for the Sheriff's department. It is very detailed and the best they have ever had. The policies won't be updated until March. They also partner with EMC and will receive a discount on insurance.

They currently have 70 inmates. The jail population is down due to the quarantining of inmates.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

An EMT resigned and they need to fill that position. It is a full-time position. He expecting to have the new truck by September 23rd.

The ceiling in the bay is still a need because of the bird situation. A cathedral style or straight across would be best.

The Commissioners would like to have a revised quote for the parking lot to be done.

STAT Flight – 80-90 runs a year for Fountain County. It will be discussed at the Council meeting on Monday and a representative from STAT Flight will be there as well.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

The Rob Roy Bridge is completed and open.

There is a sink hole in Stringtown and it is growing. They have closed the street. There are a lot of mines under the town. They are afraid if they start digging, that it will be a mine shaft and they will lose equipment or worse.

An Engineer is needed to determine how to proceed. Andrew Hall will call Roger Azar.

They need 2 more quotes for the exhaust system to be put in at the Highway Department. Diesel fumes are still going everywhere throughout the building. Andrew will be getting these as well.

Assessor – Sandy Whitaker

The server is getting close to full and she believes there is a need for a new one. Brad Keller was also at the meeting and assured the Commissioners that there was plenty of room and that it would not crash. The new server is already upstairs, but he hasn't fully transferred over everything because of lack of cooler temperatures in the room it is stored in.

A new split AC unit will be necessary to make the room fully functional to house the servers.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to do an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 to

purchase and install a split unit. This is contingent on the Council approving which fund to use.

Vote: 3-0

Health - Erich Haley

The junkyard on 234 has asked for an extension until mid-September. He was in an accident and is shorthanded. The Health Department granted the extension.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

There are approximately 120 responders working the Luke Bryan concert. This includes Sheriff, City, EMS etc. Four counties are helping. He would like to see an Ordinance so that the proper procedures are taken when there is an event like this taking place in our county.

Clerk - Paula Copenhaver

She informed the Commissioners that over 38 States have adopted a Constitutional Rights Sanctuary Ordinance. She urges the Commissioners to do a similar act. She printed out an example of one that another County is using. The Commissioners will review it for consideration.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
September 20, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

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ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

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