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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 20, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

CADES HOLLOW BRIDGE – Henry Schmidt & Carol Freese

They would like to stay with private donations so that they do not have to go through the bid process. This will enable them to stay with who they are currently working with. The public has been very supportive so far.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1–144 (\$467,135.38) & Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Claims.

Vote: 3-0

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

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

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy 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

**SEALED BIDS – Snow Removal & Lawn Mowing
No Bids were submitted**

SEALED BIDS – Demolition & Debris Removal – 216 Union St (old Jail)

There were 3 bids submitted.

McCollough Excavating	\$99,825.00
W Enterprises	\$84,620.00
D&S Powell	\$92,450.00

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to take all 3 bids under advisement.

Vote: 3-0

FIVE CROSSING PARK/RIVER FRONT PROJECT (Western Indiana Community Foundation) – Dale White

Dale White was seeking approval to move forward in support of the READI grant. He reiterated on the same talk that was given to the Council the week before. The Community Foundation is already committed to \$450,000 and would like the County to match the funds. He asked if the Council was not willing to match funds, would the Commissioners be on board to seek funds

elsewhere to help fund the project for the .8 mile stretch for the Wabash River Greenway Project.
A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to be in favor of moving forward with the Wabash River Corridor Greenway Project.
Vote: 3-0

ASSESSOR BIDS (Reassessment) Bids Tabled
Kent Minnette has not yet reviewed the bids.

Resolution 2021-30 – Supporting the Protection of Right Under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana. TABLED

Ordinance 2021-12 – Regarding the Protection of Rights Under the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana TABLED

Ordinance 2021-13- 2nd Amendment Freedom Policy and Ordinance TABLED

Resolution 2021-39 -Establishing The Intent To Conduct A Commissioners’ Sale To Sell Tax Sale Certificates For Properties That Are Severely Delinquent In Payment of Property Taxes

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to pass Resolution 2021-39.
Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

County General – Veteran Service			
From:	1000-0012-33800	Training & Education	\$223.98
To:	1000-0012-33930	Flags	\$97.20
	1000-0012-22000	Office Supplies	\$126.78

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

County General – Jail			
From:	1000-0380-16000	Vacation & Sick	
To:	1000-0380-15000	Holiday Pay	\$1,000

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer request and send it on to the council for approval.
Vote: 3-0

County Misdemeanant			
From:	1175-0380-22020	Operating Supplies	
	1175-0380-44101	Equipment	\$19.74

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL

County General – Jail		
33302	Medical	\$25,000

The original appropriation of \$100,000 didn’t cover the annual cost of the Quality Correctional Care Contract. An Additional of \$19,555.66 is needed to get through to the end of the year with an extra \$5,000 for cushion.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance - Administration working Shifts

Currently, the way the policy reads, Garth and Jeff are considered exempt and unable to have extra compensation. With them being shorthanded, it's become more regular that they are working more than their regular shifts. Brenda Hardy is looking into them receiving compensation and the policy being amended. They would like to be paid \$17.50 an hour which is equivalent to a part time EMT.

Garth is also going to be speaking with the Badlands to be prepared when they have future concerts. Based on what they experienced with the Luke Bryan concert, an Ordinance needs to be in place for proper procedure for Major Events within the County requiring extra Police, Fire and EMS.

Clerk

Paula Copenhaver stated that the voting machines have been delivered and inventoried.

Highway - Rusty Peevler

He requested to advertise for bids to sell the steel tandem roller, rubber tandem roller and street broom. All are approximately 20 years old.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to declare the equipment surplus and allow the bidding process to begin on the equipment.
Vote: 3-0

The sink hole in Stringtown is getting bigger. It is within 2000 feet from a residence that is being used for a daycare. There are a couple options on what to do about the residence. The County could buy it, or claim eminent domain. They could contract out the project or the County could dig out a couple scoops and see if they can tell what is causing the problem.

It was decided that Rusty will have his guys dig out a few scoops and see if they can figure out the problem before contracting it out. They will send a letter to the residents in the vicinity and make them aware of their intentions and vacating the premises while they are working.

He is waiting on one more quote for the exhaust at the Highway Garage.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

Five different counties were represented at the Luke Bryan Concert in some capacity. There were almost 7,000 people that attended.

TOWN OF HILLSBORO

The flex-hose company is looking to hire 50-60 people at the plant outside the Town of Hillsboro. The town can't afford to extend the utilities out to the plant. The ARPA money can be used for this project. Approximately \$400,000 is what it would cost to run utilities (waste water) out to the plant located on Highway 341 to town lift station.

AUDITOR -Colleen Chambers

She needed approval to sign the insurance papers from Keystone for UMR.

Update on website: invoicing will be done once the down payment is paid and a person in the office will be assigned to gather information for the website to start the process.
Audio recording system is not good during the meetings. It needs to be updated. Brenda Hardy suggested using cares act money.

Tom Booe – BOILERS
BT Reynolds moved the north unit wiring to the south unit and it worked. Andrew is waiting for a quote from Scott Williams to fix them both. Reynolds has already submitted a bid.

Roger Azar – Deckard Engineering
Legal Drain in Kingman is an open ditch. They can not find any information on the ditch. A petition needs to be made to start it up as a legal drain for maintenance.

The next drainage meeting needs to have some things corrected and finished, such as the Tuggle Drain.

He is in the process of digitalizing the zoning map.

Tim Shumaker – Town of Veedersburg/IMPA
Town of Veedersburg would like to purchase land from the County to put in a solar field. It would be around \$7,000 - \$10,000 an acre depending on location and type of land.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
October 4, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Cover Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Tim Shumaker

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