

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 1, 2021
9:00 A.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Frye – River Crest Property

River Road has a lot more traffic now that they have started developing the subdivision. The hill can be dangerous with people speeding from both directions. They are requesting that some speed signs and/or warning signs be put up before the hill so people are aware of the potential danger. Also, they would like more patrol in their subdivision. It is more feasible for the City of Covington to patrol the subdivision than the County. It is not the responsibility of the County to plow in their subdivision. Their homeowner's association needs to take care of that.

John Hoagland

He owns the majority of the land that lies on the West side next to the County Home. There are a couple sections of the fence that need to be repaired. He would like to split the cost of the fence repair with the county or purchase that portion of the land from the county. The commissioners are interested in selling the land and would like to get an appraisal done on the entire farm and also the area he would like to purchase. They will need 2 certified appraisals to start the public bidding process.

Carol Freese & Henry Schmidt

There was some discussion on the funding on the Cade's Mill Covered Bridge. The County Attorney stated that if any county funds are used to fund the bridge repairs, that the project would have to be bid out. They currently do not have enough private funding to finish the project. They would like to start the bidding process using County funds. A new engineering study will need to be done. Roger Azar said he could do it. CLR Construction is the current company they are using and they do not wish to share their information. The Commissioners will also look into whether or not they can use ARP funds.

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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-145 (\$225,304.58), Unpublished Claims & Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

**September Report of Collections - as submitted:
 Clerk and Health Dept**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk and Health Department.

Vote: 3-0

Clerk's Monthly Report – August and September

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for August and September 2021.

Vote: 3-0

EMPOWER RETIREMENT

IRS requires all Employers to restate their plan documents every 6 years.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the restatement process, named the Third Cycle Restatement.

Vote: 3-0

USDA-Rural Development Grant – Sheriff's Vehicles

John Magee has furnished the final documents to be signed by the Commissioner President, Auditor and County Attorney. These forms are necessary to close and request the funds.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to execute the documents for the USDA grant for the Sheriff's vehicles.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to reappoint Trina Marlatt to the Fountain Warren Board of Health.

Vote: 3-0

TOWN OF HILLSBORO – HWC ENGINEERING (INDOT GIS Road Inventory Updates)

The town has two sections of roadway that need to be transferred over to Fountain County and one section that needs transferred to their ownership.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to transfer ownership of the roadway between the two entities as outlined in the documents provided.

Vote: 3-0

Plan Commission Appointment – Discussion in regards appointment of Zoning Administrator

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Roger Azar as the Zoning Administrator under the revised Zoning Ordinance for the Plan Commission.

Vote: 3-0

Permission Requested

Bonnie Nix requested to use the Gazebo on December 4, 2021 and to decorate the Courthouse lawn for Christmas.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to grant the request.

Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

Statewide E 911

From:	10600	Part time	
To:	33800	Training/Education	\$3,000
From:	10600	Part Time	
To:	33500	Telephone	\$500
From:	10206	Operator	
To:	14000	Overtime	\$20,000
From:	33300	Travel	

To: 44101 Equipment \$2,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the above transfers in the amount of \$25,500 and to send it to council for approval. Vote: 3-0

County General – Radio Dispatch

From: 10206 Operator
To: 22000 Office Supplies \$700

From: 10206 Operator
To: 22520 Uniforms \$500

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above transfers in the amount of \$1,200 and to send it to council for approval. Vote: 3-0

County General - Prosecutor

From: 33810 Seminars & Conference
To: 33900 Dues & Subscriptions \$360

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$360 and to send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

County General – Emergency Management

From: 33800 Training & Education
To: 33500 Telephone \$200

From: 44100 Computer Hardware
To: 33100 Computer Maintenance \$200

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$400 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

MVH

From: 0533-44101 Equipment
To: 0533-22041 Other Garage & Motor \$30,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the above transfer in the amount of \$30,000 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

Co General – Coroner

33460 Autopsy Expense \$10,050

The coroner's office has continued to see unprecedented numbers this year, resulting in more autopsies.

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

Co General – Ambulance

16000 Vacation & Sick \$20,000

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

CEDIT

County Commissioners

33860	Juvenile Housing	\$10,000
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We have overspent the budget by \$4,645.50 so far this year. It is the hope to only use this portion but are asking for the \$10,000 to ensure there is enough until year end.

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

Vote: 3-0

Holiday Schedule for 2022

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the proposed 2022 Holiday Schedule and adding January 3rd, 2023 to observe New Year's Day. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

He has been short handed due to employees being out with Covid or Covid symptoms. The runs have not slowed down and he continues to work overtime.

The new truck has not come in yet. They are waiting on the HVAC system. Since it is taking so long to get new trucks, he feels that they should start now looking for another truck for 2022. He currently has 200,000 and 192,000 miles on two of the ambulances.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

He currently has 74 in jail right now. There are some from other counties and Parke County is now coming to Fountain County. There was 18 positive COVID cases, so they are routing them all to Fountain County until further notice.

Health Dept. – Erich Haley

They are following up with ongoing cases but have not seen much improvement.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

There is a State right of way that sits on a County Road. Who is liable?

Roger Azar has been out to see the site and is waiting for maps to come back from INDOT to determine who is the responsible party.

It has been determined that the Stringtown Road sink hole repair needs to be contracted out.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to contract out the sink hole project on Stringtown Road and begin the bidding process. Vote: 3-0

EMA- Joe Whitaker

The reimbursement check from the Luke Bryan concert has been received by the Auditor's office.

He has an all-day training exercise on Thursday.

Auditor – Colleen Chambers

Covington is going to be getting a TIF district and there is a meeting on November 10 at 6:30 pm at the City Building.

The Auditor's office will be closed on November 18, 2021 for training on our financial and taxing system.

Rick Beck

He will be taking a leave of absence for about 6 weeks, starting in December. He is suggesting that Collette Chapman cover for him while he's gone. Smart's Landscaping would have to take care of the snow removal at all times. Kathy and Collette would not be doing that.

Commissioners

The Auditor reported that we received an insurance check for the kitchen equipment that was damaged by a contractor at the new jail. The Commissioners inquired about the disposition of the equipment. The insurance company gave the County permission to keep the equipment since the County had stored it for many months.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
November 15, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Ann Han

Tim Schumacher

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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
November 1, 2021 AT 11AM**

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

Also present was the County Attorney Kent Minnette, Auditor Colleen Chambers, Roger Azar and Bonnie Nix.

Roger Azar – Deckard Engineering

Roger gave an update on Tuggle, Rusk, Foxworthy and Kingman Drains.

Tuggle Drain

Mr. Tuggle called Roger and asked if it had been determined that Tuggle Drain was a Legal Drain. Roger recommends that it be a Legal Drain in need of reconstruction. The landowners are responsible for the drain maintenance if it is a legal drain. The work that the drain needs will have to be bid out.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to continue the process to make Tuggle Drain a Legal Drain.

Vote: 3-0

Rusk Drain

This drain is located North of I-74, heads South under I-74, into an open ditch. It is in pretty good shape but does have some big holes that need to be addressed. Roger recommends that the board get bids to have them fixed sooner than later so they don't get any worse. It also needs to be determined if the drain is an active or inactive drain. If it is inactive, then it needs to be activated.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker that contingent on if the drain is active, to give Roger Azar permission to start the maintenance on the drain.

Vote: 3-0

Foxworthy Drain

This drain needs a full reconstruction and to reestablish grass ways.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to redesignate Foxworthy Drain as a Legal Drain in need of reconstruction.

Vote: 3-0

Kingman Drain

Roger had no historic information on this drain. The Town of Kingman contacted him and wants the drain to be an active Legal drain. The drain will probably need reconstruction as well. There is a petition coming soon from the Town of Kingman requesting it become a legal drain.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 3-0

Attest:

Colleen Chambers

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker