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**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 4, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-133 (\$265,963.20), Unpublished Claims & Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

August Report of Collections - as submitted:

Health Department

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Health Department report of collections.

Vote: 3-0

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

The first reading of Ordinance 2021-10

There will be a public hearing at the 1st meeting in October.

Public Hearing opened at 9:09 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Public Hearing closed at 9:10 a.m.

ASSESSOR BIDS (Reassessment)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the bid from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$414,000.

Vote: 3-0

BIDS – DEMOLITION OF OLD JAIL AND REMOVAL OF DEBRIS

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the bid from Walden Enterprises in the amount of \$ 84,620 to Demolish the Old Jail at 216 Union Street and the removal of debris.

Vote: 3-0

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

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

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve Resolution 2021-30 instead of an Ordinance at this time.

Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

Health Dept -

From: 1159-0000-12000	Group Health	
To: 1159-0000-22000	Office Supplies	\$1000

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

Vote: 3-0

LETTER OF COMMITMENT - BRIDGE #202 (Stone Bluff Road (CR 30 E) over Coal Creek. The total project is cost is \$2,912,800. Federal Funds being requested - \$2,330,240/Local Funds - \$582,560

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to execute the Letter of Financial Commitment for Bridge #202. **Vote: 3-0**

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

County General - Ambulance

1000-0301-22501	Gas & Oil	\$10,000
1000-0301-33550	Utilities	\$ 5,000

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

Vote: 3-0

AUL - DEFERRED COMPENSATION

AUL interest rates have declined recently to historic lows. Therefore, they will be not be accepting new contributions into the AUL Fix Interest Account. The County must decide between three options as to how to proceed.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to go with Option #3 (Removal of AUL Contract). **Vote: 3-0**

COVINGTON NURSERY SCHOOL

They are seeking permission to bring the Pre-school students around the Courthouse to trick or treat during business hours.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to allow the preschool to trick or treat at the Courthouse. **Vote: 3-0**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance - Garth Kagels

The hospital has approved a second truck. They are offering more money and better hours for their staff. They are actively seeking Fountain County EMS employees and there has been some interest. They are already short staffed. Garth is working on a revamped schedule, but pay needs to be increased to be able to compete with other companies.

The handbook would also need to be updated to allow for Garth and assistant director to be able to receive extra pay for shifts worked beyond their usual work week.

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The Chassis came in for the new truck. The box is being put on and should be ready in 30 days.

Sheriff –Terry Holt

Individuals have been coming in more regularly asking for a release of information. This includes videos as well. Right now, the fee for this is \$10. That is not nearly enough to cover the amount of time it takes to prepare that kind of information. The statute allows up to \$150.00 for a fee. Surrounding counties charge \$150 Ordinance needs to be put in place to allow for this to happen. The internet switch went bad at the jail. It is \$3400 to replace it.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the switch replacement and use Special Purpose Funds to pay for it.
Vote: 3-0

Health Dept. – Erich Haley

The junkyard on 234 E was granted an extension from the Health Department until September 16, 2021. Since then, there has been no activity on the property. Erich will be getting back in touch with them.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

A letter needs to be sent to 3300 E 1400N to inform them that they need to mow or remove the many bushes and trees that have grown up in the right of way. It is making it impossible to see, especially for buses. Regarding the sink hole in Stringtown, Kent needs dates, addresses and who to send the letter of intent for exploratory digging. The resident will need to be off the premises during the digging for safety reasons.

Rusty would like to address the pay structure for the highway department. They are also losing workers. The State is currently paying \$22.50 per hour.

So far this year, they have put down 240 tons of asphalt. County Road 500 S needs paved where the pipe has washed out.

Mountain Road is in need of repair. Montgomery County should help in the cost of fixing the road. A meeting will be held to discuss how to proceed.

Rusty reported that BT Reynolds is about 14-16 weeks out on the exhaust system due to supply issues.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

District 4 has spent 3 months working on an exercise on Damage Assessment. The exercise will take place on November 4, 2021. It will last about 6 hours. Two hours will be in the classroom and 3-4 hours set up in the field. Nine counties make up District 4. Commissioners are welcome to come and observe.

Clerk – Paula Copenhaver

The redistricting deadline is October 15, 2021. Fulton and Millcreek will be changing to the 8th Congressional District. The rest of the townships will be in the 4th Congressional District. The old voting machines are gone and the new ones have been unboxed.

Extension Office - Adam Tyler

He is now certified to teach CPR w/AED for child, infant and adult. He is also certified in First Aid and blood borne pathogens. He is currently seeking a grant from the Community Foundation for mannequins to have for the class he will be teaching. He also requested to purchase 2 AED machines with

Cares Act money to have at the Fairgrounds. He will be offering the class to be certified in CPR w/AED, First Aid and Blood Borne Pathogens to all age groups.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to go to the council with the request to purchase the AEDs from the Cares Act funds.

Vote: 3-0

Josh Whittington – Coroner

In the last 10 days, they have recovered 7 bodies. He will be needing an additional appropriation for manpower and autopsies.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 to cover costs.

Vote: 3-0

ARP Grant

Some counties have formed committees and others have left it up to the Commissioners according to Brenda Hardy.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to have a committee consisting of the President of the Council, President of the Commissioners and the Auditor to decide when and how the funds are used.

Vote: 3-0

Longevity Pay

Pay has been a major discussion with the employees and the surrounding counties offer longevity. It was proposed that a committee be formed to discuss and make decisions about longevity.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve a committee being formed consisting of the President of the Council, President of the Commissioners and the Auditor.

Vote: 3-0

NACO Membership

Fountain County has never been a member of NACO. The commissioners feel it is a good time to become a member.

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

Vote: 3-0

BT Reynolds Bid

BT Reynolds was the only one who turned in a quote to fix the boilers. The total cost would be **\$3,905.00**. This includes:

South Boiler: \$2,213.00

North Boiler: \$370.00

Combustion: \$1,322.00

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve BT Reynolds Bid to fix the Boilers and get everything running properly.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 to over costs accrued to fix the Boilers.

Vote: 3-0

Smart Lawns Landscaping

Andy Smart was the only one that turned in a bid for snow removal and lawn care.

The cost would be \$125.00 every time they mow, weed eat and blow the sidewalks.

For Snow Removal: \$235 per snow removal plus \$245 if they put down salt.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the bid for Snow Removal and Mowing from Smart Landscaping and Lawn Care. Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
October 18, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Cecilia Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker