

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 18, 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

Boone & Tanya Finkbiner – Backyard Ultra April 2, 2022

The Finkbiners will be hosting a Backyard Ultra. They would like to close a portion of CR 400 S; 400 E and 350S or have signage put up to notify the public of heavy foot traffic. It is a continuous race that will last over 24 hours. Joe Whitaker (EMA) informed her that she should meet with him to get an emergency plan put in place and that all necessary departments would be included and made aware of the event.

Vacate Alley Stringtown -Jacob Castle – He was not in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting as presented.

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-145 (\$173,348.20) & Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report of Funds for September, 2021.

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

Vote: 3-0

**September Report of Collections - as submitted:
Ambulance, Recorder & Sheriff Dept**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Recorder and Sheriff.

Vote: 3-0

**Koorsen Fire & Security – Paul Shike
Jail Fire Alarms, Sprinkler and Back Flow**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the contract with Koorsen Fire and Security for the fire alarms. Sprinkler System and Backflow inspections that are needed annually for the Jail.

Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

LIT Public Safety – SHERIFF

22030	Tires, Gas, Oil & Lube	\$12,000
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Request is being made due to increase cost of gasoline causing a shortage. This will cover the last 3 months of the year.

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

TRANSFER REQUEST**County General – Radio Dispatch**

From:	0303-33300	Travel/Mileage	\$540
To:	0303-33130	Contractual Services	\$500
To:	0303-33105	IDACS	\$ 40

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$540.00 and send it onto the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

County General – Clerk

From:	0001-10400	3 rd Deputy	\$3,600
To:	0001-10600	Part time	\$3,600

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$3,600 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

County General – Clerk

From:	0001-33800	Training & Education	\$135.00
To:	0001-33300	Travel	\$135.00

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$135.00 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

MVH

From:	Gen & Undistributed		
	0533-22501	Gasoline	\$4,070
To:	Highway Administration		
	0530-34300	Building Repairs	\$4,070

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$4,070 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

From:	Gen & Undistributed		
	0533-44101	Equipment	\$10,000
To:	0533-22041 Other Garage & Motor		
			\$10,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$10,000 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

Cumulative Bridge

From:	44920	Bridge 97	\$40,000
To:	22360	Signs	\$10,000
To:	22351	Steel	\$30,000

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$40,000 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

ASSESSOR- Non-Collusion & Acceptance

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to sign the Non-Collusion & Acceptance agreement due to the recent contract with Tyler Technology for Reassessment. Vote: 3-0

Dale White – Wabash River Greenway Project

He attended the Council meeting last week asking for approval from the Council in the amount of \$450,000. He wanted to know what the next steps were to move forward with the project. The Commissioners and Council would like to use County General funds and hopefully be able to use a portion of the ARP Funds to cover the cost of the project. A public hearing will be needed for the additional appropriation.

Demo of the Old Jail

An additional appropriation will be needed for the demolition of the old jail and the removal of the fuel tanks in the amount of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to demo the old jail and removal of the fuel tanks. Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION 2021-41 2nd Amendment Freedom Policy

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Resolution 2021-41 which supports the 2nd Amendment Freedom Policy. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

EMS received a grant in 2020 in the approximate amount of \$32,000 from the Cares Provider Relief Fund. They have contacted him requesting a report of all of the activity with the money and what it has been spent on. At the beginning of receiving this money, it was unclear as to what the money could be used for, so the reporting of the money is going to be difficult. He is working on this with Jake German to make sure it is filled out correctly.

Sheriff – Terry Holt

Currently, there are 78 inmates at the Jail and more are scheduled to come this week from other counties. Only 36 are actually Fountain County inmates. They are receiving \$37.50 a day per out of county inmates.

Health Dept. – Erich Haley

The ongoing situation on 234 W is in the process of getting cars moved out. There is a camper and 2 buses that need to be moved by bigger wreckers, but it has been too wet to do that at this time. There is progress on the property and they are keeping in contact with the Health Department.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

He is seeking extra pay in the amount of \$100 for his employees that work on holidays. At this time, they are not considered essential and do not receive the Holiday pay like the other essential departments do. They worked a multiple number of hours after the storm, clearing roads etc. with no extra compensation.

Kent needs the addresses to send out the intent letters to dig on Stringtown Road by/in the sink hole. Roger Azar has all of that information and will be meeting with him this week.

They loaned the City of Attica a Chipper to help with the aftermath of the storm.

He also gave the Commissioners pricing on a new piece of equipment that can do the work of 5 people. It does multiple jobs all at once. It only needs one person to operate. He brought this to them in light of not receiving any new employees with his 2022 Budget.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

He was awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,500 for Access Control. He would like to update the ID Badging Machine and the system for the key fobs need replaced as well.

He also gave an update on the storm last weekend. An Emergency Situation Center was set up at the City Building. All electricity was back on by Wednesday. The Salvation Army brought in a food wagon and shelter. The shelter was not used.

The storm damaged 25 houses, 1 of them was destroyed. A trailer was destroyed, 21 minor injuries and 2 major. A number of trees came down and the roof at Attica High School was damaged.

The storm was a Down Burst – Straight wind with 70-80mph winds.

Clerk – Paula Copenhaver

The county has a precinct split (Troy 1 & Cain). The County Council has to have no more than a 10% deviation. Fountain County's is 11.41%. New lines have to be made. Commissioners will have to pass an Ordinance for the precinct lines. January 1st is the deadline to have this done and advertised. November 4th will be the acceptance testing of the new voting machines.

Courthouse – Rick Beck

Radiator valves need to be replaced on 17 radiators. The quote is in the amount of \$3,788.00 from BT Reynolds to replace the valves.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote from BT Reynolds in the amount of \$3,788.00.

Vote: 3-0

The treasurer's office has a leak in the bathroom. There is a quote of Day and Son's Plumbing in the amount of \$429.00 to fix the issue.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the quote to fix the leak in the Treasurer's Office Bathroom.

Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
November 1, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Careen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Tim Shumaker
Andrew Hall