

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
November 15, 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 Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting and the Drainage Board minutes as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-164 (\$138,415.58) & Payroll Claims

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

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation Report for October 2021 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

**October Report of Collections - as submitted:
Clerk, Recorder & Sheriff's Dept**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff. Vote: 3-0

Clerk's Monthly Report – October

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for October 2021. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY HIGHWAY BIDS - Surplus Equipment

One bid was received for the County Highway Surplus equipment in the amount of \$6,500 from the Flat Rock Equipment LLC, Flat Rock, Indiana.

\$2,500 for the Roscoe Broom
\$2,500 for the Ingram Roller
\$1,500 for the Raygo Roller

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the bid in the amount of \$6,500 collectively from Flat Rock Equipment LLC. **Vote: 3-0**

**Resolution 2021-49 – Authorizing Execution and Submission of
INDOT Agreement**

A Resolution giving the Commissioner President authorization to sign documents on behalf of the County for the 2021-2022 Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund Program.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to execute Resolution 2021-49 Authorizing Execution and Submission of INDOT Agreement for the 2021-2022 Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund Program.

Vote: 3-0

Maple Corner Purchase

On Friday, November 12, the Commissioners and some Council took a tour through the Maple Corner Building. They have come to an agreement to put in an official offer for the building in the amount of \$425,000. The building is 13,000 square feet on 3 acres of land. They have been advised that ARP funds can be used on the remodel of the building.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to sign a purchase agreement in the amount of \$425,000 contingent upon the Council’s approval. The County attorney will prepare the agreement.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to request an additional in the amount of \$425,000 from County General – Commissioners - Capital Outlay for the purchase of the Maple Corner Building and to send it to the Council for approval.

Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

CEDIT – Co Commissioners

1170-0068-33920	Econ Development Dues	\$20,000
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Requesting \$20,000 for Fountain County’s portion to the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network (WHIN). WHIN has made a direct investment in Fountain County, thus far in the amount of \$1,546,982. They suggest a contribution of \$154,000 or \$51,300 per year for 3 years.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional in the amount of \$20,000 and send it to the Council for approval.

Vote: 3-0

COUNTY GENERAL – Commissioners

1000-0068-10150	Retirement	\$12,500
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COUNTY GENERAL - Commissioners

1000-0068-12000	Group Health Insurance	\$100,000
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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional in the amount of \$112,500 and to send it to the Council for approval.

Vote: 3-0

CADES HOLLOW COVERED BRIDGE – Insurance Coverage

Information about the age and value is needed to put a number on how much to insure the Bridge for. Tim Shumaker suggested calling Parke County to see how much they insure their bridges for.

TOWN OF HILLSBORO/ALAN MCDONALD/PRO-FLEX – Alan McDonald was inquiring as to what is the next step for the Hillsboro Project.

The Commissioners would like to see a written proposal for the project that the town would like funded or partially funded by the ARPA Grant. Also, the committee consisting of Dudley Cruea, Colleen Chambers and Brenda Hardy needs to meet to discuss this project and the remodel of Maple Corner.

Fountain County Genealogy Society – Road District Map Book

The genealogy society is requesting a copy of the Road District Map Book. It will be scanned and put onto a flash drive.
An Ordinance needs to be passed on the policy concerning electronic Public Records. It takes time to collect the information and to send it on. The Commissioners approved the request from the Genealogy Society.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance – Garth Kagels (on zoom)

He is requesting approval to move forward on a Fireman Assistant Grant to use for new Cots in the trucks. It is a 95/5 match grant

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to give permission for him to pursue the grant and they understand if he is awarded the grant, the County is required to match 5%.

Vote: 3-0

Sheriff – Terry Holt

There are currently 28 Out of County inmates. 10 from Sullivan Co, 17 from Vermillion Co and 1 from Warren Co. Andrew Krout commented that Sheriff Holt was nominated as Sheriff of the Year.

The Commissioners requested a quote for the body camera software.

It would be a 5-year contract. It will be submitted to the ARP committee for review.

Health Dept. – Jenny Eads

They are continuing to do follow ups for ongoing cases and complaints.

Highway – Rusty Peevler

The highway department was awarded a Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$999,749.76.

He spoke about a couple different machines that he feels would be an asset to the department and the need for repairing the roads properly. The machines can be leased out of MVH Restricted.

There is a huge right of way problem in the County and it needs to be addressed. The roads are not wide enough for farm equipment to go down safely.

Stringtown Road where the sink hole is, is becoming more of a problem. The homeowner has put wood and dirt in the hole and removed the barricades.

They are strongly thinking about vacating the road as a county road.

Rusty stated they received compliments on the fog seal from 341 to Covington. He has also been asked about lines on the road. The County does not mark the roads. The only time they would have markings is if it was a federal project.

EMA- Joe Whitaker

There is an Advisory Board Meeting at 2 p.m. and an LEPC meeting at noon on Thursday.

Jail Kitchen Equipment

The damaged kitchen equipment has been released that the county has been storing at the old jail. Kent Minnette strongly suggested having the insurance company donate the equipment to the 4-H Council at the Fairgrounds.

Coroner – Josh Whittington

A transport vehicle is needed for the coroner's office. Currently, he is using his personal vehicle to transport bodies from the scene. He is willing to store the vehicle at his home in a locked garage until something else is made available. The funeral home is unreliable to transport bodies and have to

wait an extended amount of time for them to arrive. The commissioners will take this request into consideration.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
December 6, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

Corinne Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

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Tim Shuck