

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jason Lave**

His neighbors are collecting garbage and burning it. They also have a huge compost pile behind their house. He has looked up the Ordinance and they are in violation. The Health Department is already looking into it. They will keep in contact with him and report back to the Commissioners.

**Spencer Deery – Candidate for US Senate**

He lives in Tippecanoe County. He has been the Deputy Chief of Staff for Mitch Daniels for the last 10 years. He gave reasons why is he running for senate and said that he would always have Fountain County's back.

**Henry Schmidt – Cades Mill Bridge**

He was inquiring the status of the quote on the bridge. USI has not completed a quote yet. Roger Azar and Rusty Peevler will let him know when they receive something.

**Paula Copenhaver – Candidate for US Senate**

She spoke about her reasoning for running for US Senate, focusing on government overreach.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 and the special joint meeting on November 23, 2021 as presented. Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS 1-274 (\$910,947.05) & Payroll Claims**

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

**November Report of Collections - as submitted:**

**Ambulance, Clerk and Recorder**

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

**AGREEMENT FOR PHI CARES MEMBERSHIP**

The Council voted at their last meeting to fund the PHI Cares Agreement in the amount of \$48,818 if the Commissioners choose to approve the agreement. Where to pay the amount of the contract is yet to be determined.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded Andrew Hall to approve the agreement with PHI Cares in the amount of \$48,818.00. Vote: 3-0

**WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR COMMISSION – appointment**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to re-appoint Tim Shumaker to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission as its appointed member and Brenda Hardy as an alternate member.

Vote: 3-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Ambulance – Garth Kagels**

They are having issues with drainage again. There is 3 lines coming into 1. There were new toilets installed and the problem still persists. The pipes are all under concrete. Roger Azar said he would be able to come and take a look at the situation.

The FG Grant has been pushed back until January 18, 2022. This grant is to hopefully fund the Power Load System Cots for the Ambulances. There have not been any bids on the Military Ambulance. He requested to put it on ambulancetrader.com.

#### **ORDINANCE 2021-17**

**Paula Copenhaver – Clerk**

Redistricting

The precincts were redrawn.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accepting the new Ordinance 2021-17 establishing Council and Commissioner precincts.**

**Vote: 3-0**

#### **Highway – Rusty Peevler**

Their charting system is outdated and can no longer be updated properly.

He would like to order 2 new graders from John Deere. In order to get it at the 7.5% savings, it will need to be in writing. \$55,680 FOR EACH GRADER

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker approved Rusty Peevler to proceed with the lease of the 2 graders from John Deere.**

**Vote: 3-0**

Bridge #97 needs to be completed. He would like to have Roger Azar look at it and see what all needs to be done.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to give permission to Roger Azar to assist the County Highway on what needs to be done to Bridge #97.**

**Vote: 3-0**

A separate area is needed for the Highway Secretary. It is not good conditions to work in since there isn't a proper ventilation system. It has been recommended to put a "SheShed" next to the Highway Building. It is a 12x20 building for \$12,000. Council members have visited the Highway Department and wrote letters to Dudley stating that they can taste fuel when they go in there and that it is not an environment that the secretary or anyone should work in. The Commissioners and Council are in favor of purchasing the building.

#### **Roger Azar – Maple Corner**

##### **Phase I – Maple Corner**

The building looks good so far. There does seem to be some sewer issues. He would like to contact a company out of Crawfordsville to look at the possible issues. The commissioners agreed.

Andrew Hall said that both appraisals were completed and he was awaiting the paperwork on them.

#### **Tuggle Drain**

Mr. Tuggle is wanting to know the status of the Tuggle Drain. Kent Minnette, County Attorney, suggested at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the New Year, to discuss the process to finish the project.

#### **Greg Robison – Landfill**

There is some damage out at the Landfill that will have to be repaired. Darrell Bell and Roger Azar came out to the Landfill to assess the damage and agree. There are plenty of funds to repairs the damages.

#### **Brenda Hardy – READI Grant**

30 million was awarded to the area. The governing board will decide which projects will be approved.

#### **LPA USI Consulting Contract – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – April 30, 2025**

Brenda Hardy brought forth this contract to be approved.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the Contract with USI Consultants.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Jail Surplus**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to declare the Jail kitchen equipment as surplus and donate it to the Fountain County 4H council at the fairgrounds. Vote: 3-0

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to close the meeting. Vote: 3-0**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY  
JANUARY 4, 2022 9:00 A.M.**

Coussa Chambers  
**Attest**

Brenda Hardy  
A. Hall  
Tim Shumaker