

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Henry Schmidt and Carol Freese inquired about the status of the engineering study done on Cades Mill Bridge. Roger Azar answered that USI is reporting that the bridge is in zero shape, on a scale of 1 to 10. After they finish measuring everything, they will give a final report of their findings. USI wanted to know what the bridge was going to be used for. They said that it is actually worse to use it as a pedestrian bridge than for traffic, due to the higher point load for pedestrians. They may have to roll the bridge off the pillars and fix what is underneath and then roll the bridge back. Scott Dicks is the USI Engineer assigned to the bridge. Carol Freese would like to know the approximate cost of the engineering study as they would like to apply for a \$2500 Landmark grant.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Drainage Board meeting of January 18, 2022 as presented.
Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-207 (\$245,906.30), Unpublished Claims and Payroll

Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Claims.
Vote: 2-0

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for January, 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.
Vote: 2-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for November & December 2021.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for November and December 2021.
Vote: 2-0

January Report of Collections – as submitted:

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept, Recorder & Sheriff.
Vote: 2-0

Annual Jail Report & Commissary Report

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge and accept the Annual Jail Report and Commissary Report for 2021.
Vote: 2-0

SEALED BIDS – Gravel, Stone, Rip-Rap, Asphalt & Fuel

Bids were received from:

Froedges Gravel Pit
Putnam Co Aggregates
Parke County Aggregates
Conrad Perry Co
US Aggregates
Whitesville Mill Services Co
Milestone

St. Regis Culvert
DebCo Metal Culverts
Newton Oil Co

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the bids and respond at the next meeting. Vote: 2-0

SEALED BIDS – CCMG Project (Mill and Overlay)

Kingman Road from CR 800 S to SR 32; CR 800 S from CR 280 W to Meridian Road; CR 280 W from CR 1000 S to CR 800 S; Cates Road from CR 840 S to Snoddy Road

There were 2 bids for the project:

Reith Riley \$1,088,580.00
Milestone \$1,095,456.00

Justin Sherman from USI reviewed the bids and recommended that the County go with Reith Riley as they were the low bidder.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the bids and respond at the next meeting. Vote: 2-0

PUBLIC DEFENDER – Judge Campbell

Judge Campbell explained the formation of the new Public Defender board and office. Mark Christoff will be representing us in the interlocal government agreement. He is currently the president of the Board. Each county will have a member on the board. Vermillion County will be the lead county and take care of the reporting for the three counties (Vermillion, Fountain & Parke). They are currently looking in Newport to rent office space but the market is very limited. She hopes that everything will be ready to go by June 2022.

Ordinance Authorizing Interlocal Governmental Cooperation

Agreement (Public Defender) – the Ordinance was introduced and will be voted on at the next Commissioner meeting

ENCUMBER

Request to encumber the following:

Move Over Outfitters – Equipment for New Sheriff Vehicles

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| 4932-0000-44901 | \$8,000 |
| 4924-0000-44901 | \$19,280 |
| 1138-0005-44101 | <u>\$1,750</u> |
| Total | \$29,030 |

Donley Safety

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| 1138-0301-44101 | \$7,800 |
| 1138-0301-44445 | <u>\$155,000</u> |
| Total | \$162,800 |

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the encumbrance requests. Vote: 2-0

DISCUSSION – COUNTY FARM

The Commissioners discussed the sale of the County Farm. The County Attorney went over the procedure with them. The appraisals have been completed, for the farm as a whole and the portion that John Hoagland would like to purchase.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to direct the county attorney to prepare the legal to offer a portion of the County Farm for sale. The said portion is approximately 16 acres that runs along the John Hoagland property. If said parcel is sold it would leave approximately 220 acres.

Vote: 2-0

AUCTION – Contents of Maple Corner

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to declare the excess equipment such as kitchen equipment, décor and unnecessary equipment for government purposes as surplus and sell the contents of the Maple Corner building.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve Greg Clingan's contract to conduct the sale of the contents of the Maple Corner building.

Vote: 2-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He submitted a report on the mileage on all of the ambulances. A couple of them are getting up in mileage and will or are starting to have issues. Since it is taking so long to acquire vehicles, he suggests starting to look for at least 1 if not 2 new ambulances. He would like to know if they can use ARPA funds. It is very vague when it comes to using the funds for Health equipment and medical aid. Other counties have been able to purchase one. The Commissioners are going to have a meeting with the committee and possibly Jake German from Barnes & Thornburg.

Two of the trucks are having issues with their stairs. They are coming loose. One of the employees have already missed a step. He has gotten a quote of \$9,400 to replace the stairs. Since the green truck was sold and received into County General in the amount of \$5,000, they would like to use that money towards the new stairs. Either way, an additional would have to be asked for in the total amount.

Garth also applied for the AF Grant for purchasing power load cots. The grant would be in the amount of \$133,400.00. The County would have to come up with 5%. They will know if they got it in the Fall of 2022.

They are having a shortage of medical supplies. A lot of them are on back order. They are doing their best ordering what they can.

HEALTH – Jenny Eads and Erich Haley

234 W is completely cleaned up. 234 E is not and continues to rack up fines. The fines are currently up to \$150,000

HIGHWAY – Rusty Peevler

He would like to look into pretreating the roads in the future. They have been using the same thing for years and it doesn't seem to do that great of a job.

They also need to start replacing some of the snow plows on the graders. A couple are over 30 years old.

His only problem with the storm was that the warning was moved to Orange to quickly. The roads were not all cleared and was still dangerous in some areas.

Three of the employees fell during the storm, but none have wanted medical attention. He is going to have them fill out the first report of incident forms.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

They received a report from the State, which Roger Azar was able to take a look at. He stated that there are some levels that are still higher than they would like, but some have come down as well. It will take time for things to settle down and as the weather warms, they will be able to reassess the area. It was an overall good report.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

In the last 9 months, \$349,000 has been receipted into the Out of County housing fund. He turned in his annual report and Commissary Report. They are still having to quarantine inmates when they are brought in. That limits space that could have been utilized.

Coroner – Joshua Whittington

A man has passed away and what little family he has, does not want any part of burying him. The County will pay for a burial based on code IC 36.21-4.11 He was renting and the contents of his home will be sold off to recoup any costs accrued.

Dani Snyder – Community Corrections

She was formally asking for Cares Act Funds to be used to pay for AED's in their facility.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the funding the purchase of the AED's out of the Covid-19 line item.

Vote: 2-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022
AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting.

Vote: 2-0

Caren Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Tim Shumaker