

**MINUTES  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT – none**

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 Commissioner and the Drainage Board meeting as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-195 (\$257,224.33) and Payroll Claims**

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

**February Report of Collections – as submitted:**

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

**SRI – Commissioner Certificate Sale Services Addendum to the Tax Sale Service Agreement**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to execute the Addendum to the Tax Service Agreement for SRI. Vote: 3-0

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST**

**CEDIT – COMMISSIONERS**

Consulting Fees	1112-0068-33250	\$35,000
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Co General – Plan Commission Consulting Fees	1000-0079-33250	\$20,000
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Co General - Commissioners Longevity	1000-0068-10117	\$85,000
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Co General – Ambulance Equipment	1000-0301-33650	\$7,875
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MVH – Maint & Repair Lease Rental, 5	1176-0531-33962	\$56,298
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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the above additional requests in the total amount of \$204,173. Vote: 3-0

**Ordinance Authorizing Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement (Public Defender)**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to adopt Ordinance 2022-1 Authorizing Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement. Vote: 3-0

**SEALED BIDS FROM FEBRUARY 7 MEETING**

**Gravel, Stone, Rip-Rap, Asphalt & Fuel**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept all of the bids received including the bid from Lincoln Park Stone and S&G Excavating, due to inclement weather. Vote: 3-0

**CCMG Project (Mill & Overlay)**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the bid from Reith Riley per the recommendation of USI. Vote: 3-0

**QUOTES – Mold Remediation**

Newton's	\$4,402.52
Menard Carpet Care & Flood Pro	\$9,147.75

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to go with Newton's Cleaning Service to remove mold from the basement/wine cellar of the Maple Corner building. Vote: 3-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS****ASSESSOR – Sandy Whitaker**

She would like to switch to Engage, which would replace Beacon website. Engage is a part of X-Soft. X-Soft is the program they use for assessing. The price is a lot cheaper than Beacon and offers the same options.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the contract from Engage contingent on the County Attorney's approval and that Roger Azar's drainage options are available.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the contract for the service agreement with Wightman in the amount of \$2,000 for 20 hours of work contingent on the County Attorney's approval.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**AUDITOR – Colleen Chambers**

The mail machine will be out of date and unable to receive updates soon. She received 2 quotes, 1 from Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$7,783.96 and the other is from Pinnacle Mailing in the amount of \$9,201.96.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the purchase of a new mail machine.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow the purchase of the added software from LOW for employee use.**

**Vote: 3-0**

The purpose for the new software is to allow employees of the county to access their own W2's, 1099, paystubs etc.

**CLERK – Paulaopenhaver**

On Wednesday, February 23, 2022, there will be a hands-on training for the election equipment at 10:30am.

**HIGHWAY – Rusty Peevler**

The roads are deteriorating quickly from all of the extreme weather. Towpath Rd is closed currently due to a bridge out. The only road that is the way it should be is Payne Rd. It has weathered the storms well.

Roger commented that the drainage needs to be tended to before fixing the roads. If they patch them the same thing will happen over and over.

There needs to be a stone pad put in at the Highway Department so that the portable office can be delivered.

The Commissioners have hired a new Highway Superintendent. Jason Lewis will be returning to the County and filling that position.

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**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to officially hire Jason Lewis as Highway Superintendent. Vote: 3-0**

**LANDFILL – Roger Azar**

They will be starting to fill in the NE pond. They will also have to submit a Completion Report to IDEM. The road on the north end will need to be straightened out. Greg will roll everything to smooth things in the Spring when the weather will permit it.

**SHERIFF – Terry Holt**

There are 69 in jail currently and 45 of them are out of county. They had some electrical issues last week. All of them concerned Glescoe. They have been trying to get a hold of them and no one will call back. A fire inspection was done and they found that there were blown breakers and some that weren't done correctly.

**Brad Keller – Keller PC**

The internet speed needs to be increased at the Courthouse. Sparklight has quoted 300 MB for \$1,165 per month. We are currently paying \$990 for 100 MB. Sparklight also gave a price for Maple Corner in the amount of \$800 per month for 100 MB and will not be charging for installation.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the upgrade to 300 MB in the amount of \$1,165.00.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve a dedicated internet line to the new Maple Corner Courthouse Annex in the amount of \$800.00 per month.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**County Farm Process**

Notification of selling the land would need to be advertised and sealed bids would need to be turned in. Once they are open at a public meeting, an auction would commence.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to sell the isolated 17 acres of the County Farm. This is subject to the County Attorney reviewing the original deed determining whether or not it has to revert back to the original owner if ever it was to be used for something other than what it was intended for and selling wasn't an option.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Old Jail Transfer**

The City of Covington would like to have the property of the Old Jail transferred to them at no cost and they would assume all responsibility of land and property disposal.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to allow the County Attorney to draw up the necessary paperwork to transfer the property to a government entity.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**CR 775 E – William VanHook**

Discussion was heard in regards to an E-911 address for William VanHook. An E-911 address will be furnished to Mr. VanHook. However, the County attorney advised that if the North part of the CR 775 E was to be vacated the landowner(s) would have to file a petition and go through the necessary procedures as per statute with their own attorney.

**Maple Corner Auction**

The County will hold an auction for the remaining contents of Maple Corner on March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022  
AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

Cecilia Chambers  
ATTEST

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker

Brenda Hardy