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MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 21, 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

Farmer's Market – Christina Brown asked permission about using the Courthouse lawn to hold a weekly farmer's market from June to October. She also inquired about a certificate of liability and insurance for the vendors.

Leon Phillips – W Covered Bridge Road

Back in August of 2021, the Attica Community Foundation provided funds for the improvement of the parking areas and entrances by and around Shawnee Bottoms. There are also 3.5 miles of trails that Niches Land Trust maintains. The road leading up to it is 2.2 miles between Williamsport Road and Portland Arch. It is a gravel road and not maintained well. It is very difficult to travel down, especially, by motorcycle. He is asking for that road to be considered for black top or chip and seal to allow more people to enjoy the natural resources of our area.

Jeff Carver/Bill Peevler – Sale of Old Jail – Not present

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

CLAIMS 1-151 (\$390,137.67) and Payroll Claims

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

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for January 2022.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for January 2022. Vote: 2-0

February 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 (Jan & Feb), Clerk, Health and Recorder (Feb 22). Vote: 2-0

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

County General – Psychiatric Medical 1000-0232-33301 \$3,000

They have had 2 claims already this year and it has put them in the red. The additional will enable them to pay for any other evaluations that may come up in the remainder of 2022.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the additional request and to send it on to the council. Vote: 2-0

REQUEST TO TRANSFER

From: 1000-0172-10600	Part time	
To: 1000-0172-34310	Snow Removal	\$2,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfer request in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the cost of snow removal. Vote: 2-0

ARP PLAN – Resolution 2022-2

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve Resolution 2022-2 establishing a plan for the ARP funds. Vote: 2-0

CLERK-Quadiant Leasing – Lease Agreement for Postage Meter Rental and Auto-feeder

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

MALCON – Fuel Tax Refund – TABLED

Requested references from other counties.

SCHNEIDER-BEACON – Service Agreement for Website

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Service Agreement with Schneider Geospatial Beacon in the amount of \$5,004 per year until December 31, 2025. Vote: 2-0

USI – Supplement Agreement No. 1

Requesting \$27,213.00 due to recent changes in the load rating requirements that are being dictated by FHWA.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the supplemental in the amount of \$27,213.00. Vote: 2-0

CITY OF ATTICA – Road Inventory

Perry Street – 200' portion; (Perry Street 2,571' (currently named Xavier Rd); Summit Street – 850' portion (currently named E 1150 N)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the road inventory named above to the City of Attica. Vote: 2-0

OLD JAIL – Underground Storage Tank Closure Work Plan

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to move forward with the work plan as submitted by Roger Azar of Deckard Engineering Services. Vote: 2-0

RITTER STRATEGIC SERVICES LLC – Service Contract

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Service contract from Ritter Strategic Services, for the design and layout of the new dispatch center. The rate is \$150.00 per hour not to exceed 360 hours. Vote: 2-0

HALEY LOCK & KEY – security at Maple Corner Annex

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the estimate in the amount of \$440.00 per year. Vote: 2-0

Introduction of Ordinance 2022-2

The Commissioners introduced Ordinance 2022-2 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Introduction of Ordinance 2022-3

The Commissioners introduced Ordinance 2022-3 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund.

Both Ordinances will be voted on at the next Commissioner Meeting on April 4, 2022.

LAWN MOWING – The Council and Commissioners have a disagreement on whether or not Rick Beck will mow this season. The Commissioners have an agreement with Smarts Landscaping to do the snow removal and mowing. The Council does not want to fund Smarts Lawn & Landscaping to do the mowing. They feel that as long as Rick works here and is capable, he can do the mowing. Smarts will not do the snow removal without doing the mowing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He received a letter from Medicare along with a reimbursement check in the amount of \$10,600.00 for 2019.

He has been checking on a new ambulance. At the present time, it will be 12-18 months before receiving one. The wait seems to be with the chassis. He is also trying to locate a demo but has had no luck.

AUDITOR – Colleen Chambers

The Auction at Maple Corner brought in \$78,999. After expenses, there is \$45,154.77 left. She would like to move a payment that was made to Newton Cleaning Service for the mold remediation over to the Maple Corner fund to properly keep track of what has been spent on the building. Commissioners agreed. She also gave an update on the progress of the website and commented that the department heads should be contacted from the company soon to decide what information they would like on their page.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

The panic buttons within the courthouse were not working properly. It was found that a repeater was needed to keep them all online. One will need to be purchased. 1 panic button was needed in the auditor’s office as well.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the purchase of the Repeater in the amount of \$650 and the 1 panic button needed in the amount of \$135. Vote: 2-0

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

They are busy looking into complaints and doing follow ups.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

Commissioners introduced Jason Lewis the new Highway Superintendent. He would like to go over the budget with the Auditor and Commissioners so that he is apprised of the situation and what funds are available.

The Federal Bridge award was granted for Bridge #202.

TREASURER – Susan Coffing

Tax Bills will be mailed out on April 1, 2022.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

Tim Shumaker

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