

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Bowman complimented the Ambulance Department on going above and beyond to make sure he was in stable condition during his visit to the Med Shed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022 meeting as presented.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-164 (\$597,507.32), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve all Claims.

Vote: 3-0

**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – Ordinance 2022-2
Public Hearing**

Hearing opened at 9:05 a.m.
Public Comment - None
Hearing closed at 9:05 a.m.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND – Ordinance 2022-3

Hearing opened: 9:06 a.m.
Public Comment: None
Hearing Closed: 9:06 a.m.

Ordinance 2022-2 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve, suspend the rules and adopt the Ordinance for the Cumulative Capital Development Fund at a rate of .0333.

Vote: 3-0

Ordinance 2022-3 – An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve, suspend the rules and adopt the Ordinance for the Cumulative Bridge Fund at a rate of .10.

Vote: 3-0

MAPPING SOLUTIONS – Plat Books

We currently have one plat book. They were dated 2017. The quote from Mapping Solutions is \$18.50 per book, with a minimum purchase of 50 (\$950). There will also be an e-book (18.50) available, with an option to purchase maps.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the service agreement with Mapping Solutions.

Vote: 3-0

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM – MAC Van

They are requesting a donation from the county so they can assist residents from Fountain County that could not normally ride with them.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to donate \$ 3,000 to the MAC Van. Vote: 3-0

MALCON – Fuel Tax Refund

References were requested from Charles Malinowski. Three were received and contacted and a favorable reply was received from all. Steuben, Pulaski and Dearborn County has had a good experience and has seen results from the service provided.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to move forward with tax fuel refund process using Malcon (Charles Malinowski) this is contingent on Jason Lewis' approval. Vote: 3-0

ADDITIONAL REQUEST

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT 2021-2 (FY 2022)

The total contract bid amount is \$1,088,580. We received \$816,435 from the State for the Community Crossing Grant. The County must match 25% of the total, which is \$272,145.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve an additional in the amount of \$272,145 and send it to the Council for approval. Vote: 3-0

LOCAL ROAD & STREET and MVH \$150,000

1169-0000-44101

1176-0533-44101

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to request an additional in the amount of \$150,000 for used single axle trucks. Vote: 3-0

ACCIDENT REPORT

1101-0005-11000 Adm of Records \$287.23

This is needed as the 3 pays did not have a 3% increase figured into it for the 2022 Budget.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to request an additional in the amount of \$287.23. Vote: 3-0

RICKETTS ELECTRIC – Estimate

Replace and upgrade the lights on the bottom floor.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the estimate in the amount of \$4,400.00 Vote: 3-0

SMART CONTRACTORS INC. – Estimate

Remove and replace top two steps going down to the boiler room. The estimate is for \$950. It includes material in the amount of \$350 and labor \$600. Job is estimated for ½ ton of stone if it exceeds that amount, we will be billed accordingly.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the estimate from Smart Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$950 contingent upon the amount of stone used. Vote: 3-0

REQUEST - COVINGTON STREET FESTIVAL (June 4, 2022)

Stephanie Lober is requesting to use the Courthouse lawn to erect a tent on the North side of the building for the 50-year alumni members. They would also like for the restrooms to be made available that same evening.

FUEL

Tim Shumaker said that they have used Ceres Solutions for fuel for the last 6 years that he has been Commissioner. He wanted to make sure they were doing things properly and if the County needed to bid it out that they will do so. R D Hayman would like his company to be considered and believes that they will be a lot cheaper than Ceres Solutions. Ceres Solutions furnishes the tanks currently being used. The County Attorney will be looking into whether or not the County has to go with the lowest bid or that they can choose who they want. Commissioner Tim Shumaker said that they would support Jason Lewis on whoever he decides to do business with. At the next meeting, he will hopefully have an answer.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 18, 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

Cassie Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy

A. Hall

Tim Shumaker

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the request contingent upon the communication between their committee and the commissioners about the restrooms and how to pay for the custodial services.
Vote: 3-0

VALLEY OAKS

Mental Health Awareness Day is May 6, 2022. They would like for all county employees to wear green to show support.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He is still on the search for a new ambulance and pricing. He reported that the new ambulance has some issues and they are working on them.

He also reported on behalf of Joshua Whittington (Coroner), that next week on April 13 & 14th, they will be holding the "Every 15 Minutes" program at Attica High School to bringing awareness to drunk driving.

EMA – SecureTech – Approval to order 5 additional panic buttons

He needs to purchase back-up buttons and an all-clear button.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the purchase of the panic buttons in the amount of \$685.00.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH – Erich Haley

They will be sending out certified letters to a couple of property owners for trash related issues.

HIGHWAY- Jason Lewis

Roads have been being patched all over the County to the best of their abilities with the in-climate weather. They received 2 trucks so far and should be receiving 2 more next week. Stacey is settling in at the highway annex, but the internet is really slow and the computers are over 10 years old. Brad Keller suggests updating the computers and getting a repeater for the internet. A quote of \$4,015.92 (installation included) was turned in.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve an additional appropriation of \$6,000, contingent on Council approval.

Vote: 3-0

He has the ITAPS done, he needs to take the test for certification.

Per Roger, Mountain Road needs a complete reconstruction. They have spent countless hours patching and repatching the road, only to be washed out or undone by heavy trucks. They also have the culvert pipe for Epperson Road. They are waiting on the weather to cooperate.

LANDFILL – Roger Azar

The landfill is in good shape and they are in the process of filling in the NE pond. They are also re-designing the road that leads to the landfill.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Currently, there are 72 inmates. The County is being paid for 40 of them. Q360, which is Quality Correction Care, is for everyone in the jail.

The body cameras are up and running and working well.

The radios are going to need an update. They will be working with the EMA office to hopefully get a grant to cover the cost.

The water system needs a dedicated company to do monthly check-ups on it to ensure it is working efficiently.