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FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 2, 2022
9:00 A.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Max Morgan – Complaint about his road. He has called multiple times and nothing has been done. He thinks that there is a lot of erosion to the road and that it needs to be taken care of. He would like the highway superintendent to come out and look at it. He also stated that he does not agree with giving the old jail away. He thinks that the land should be used for storage for the Courthouse. He is also against selling the County Farm. He also had several other complaints and or suggestions. Andrew Hall responded that the Highway has a new superintendent who needs time to get to all of the things that need attention. It is not an overnight project. The commissioners appreciate him bringing the issues to them. He also asked for Max to type up his concerns and send it to the highway department and the commissioners so that they can be addressed.

Justin Lewsader – South Towpath Road (flooding) Sent a letter to the Commissioners about the increase in the amount of flooding on the east side of the road. He would like for the county to re-evaluate the road for the possible need of more drainage culverts and or ditches.

Ron Bannon – Attica Market Place

The Attica Economic Development is in the process of building a retail village in the form of a Market Place. It is for people looking to start a small business and get acquainted with all that one would need to know to run a small business efficiently. The marketplace would allow for businesses to set up for a weekend, week, month etc. Training would be provided to learn how to do budgets, training for taxes, insurance, hiring etc. They would be partnering with Matchbox out of Lafayette as a non-profit entity. He asked the Commissioners, if the County would be willing to donate \$250,000 to help with funding for the project and the remodel of one of the buildings. ARPA funds can possibly be used, but the County has already earmarked funds for other projects and are unsure of how much will be left.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to allow the Attica Economic Development to proceed in presenting the project and request to the Fountain County Council.

Vote: 3-0

TE Scott – Railroad Properties

There are 43 railroad properties and he would like to purchase one of them. He is willing to buy all of them to get the one and sell or deed off the rest to the adjoining property owners. He would have to pay for all of the surveying and any other costs. It would clean up the descriptions and benefit the property owners more than anyone. He would like the County to contact the railroad with the idea and go from there. The Commissioners would like to talk to the County Attorney to see if they should even get involved.

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A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022 meeting. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Session of Commissioners and Council on April 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 2-0
(Tim Shumaker was absent at this meeting.)

CLAIMS 1-165 (\$232,688.45) Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims

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

March Report of Collections – as submitted:

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

COMMON SCHOOL FUND

1124 Congressional Interest \$13,689.91

1125 Congressional Principal \$26,687.42

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the Annual Report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Vote: 3-0

FINES & FORFEITURES

7101 Fines & Forfeitures as of 4/30/2022 - \$5,588.00 to be sent via ACH to Auditor of State Indiana.

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

MVH Restricted

Equipment 1173-0000-44101 \$103,330

Additional funds needed to cover aftermarket parts on new leased trucks. Parts were not budgeted for and not included in the lease.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional and send it onto the Council. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY GENERAL – Ambulance

Equipment Repair 1000-0301-33650 \$15,000

Medical Supplies 1000-0301-22410 \$20,000

Gas & Oil 1000-301-22501 \$15,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the additional request and send it on to the Council. Vote: 3-0

OLD JAIL – Underground Storage Tank Closure Work Plan

The cost estimate came in at \$30,620. (Removal \$21,620; Engineering \$9,000).

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to move forward with the removal of the tanks. Vote: 3-0

The Commissioners directed the County Attorney to draw up the contract for the transfer of the old jail to the City of Covington contingent upon them taking the property after the removal of the tanks.

Resolution 2022-16 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Submission of Agreement with The Indiana Department of Transportation and Addressing Related Matters

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the above-named Resolution 2022-16. Vote: 3-0

Plan Commission – Board Appointments

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Jacob McGraw and Glen Walter to the Plan Commission. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Dani Snyder

JRAC is in need of someone to contract with to take care of the different reports, planning and mapping that needs to be done. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$37,000.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the applying and acceptance of the JRAC personnel grant. Vote: 3-0

The 2023 Community Corrections Grant is also going to be submitted. It is in the amount of \$1,457,438.00. It will be divided as follows:

- WCRCC \$1,091,612 + \$915,419 = 2,007,631
- Mont Co \$164,890
- Mont Co \$80,441
- Parke Co \$52,920
- Fountain Co Probation \$67,575

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the submission and acceptance of the 2023 West Central Regional Community Corrections Grant. Vote: 3-0

CORONER – Josh Whittington

He was unable to be at the meeting in person, so he sent an email with an update. It stated that the "Every 15 minutes" program went very well at Attica High School and he wanted to extend a Thank you to everyone that was involved.

He has been very busy and the amount of traffic fatalities has been the highest he has ever seen.

HEALTH – Donnie Gill

The Health Department has applied for a Special Projects grant. They would like to extend Brianna Vaughn a contract with the county for another year. Her original position was to be the liaison between the schools and the Health Department, keeping track of all the cases of Covid. Now, the State has lowered the level of lead for children, the Health Department is expecting the number of lead cases in children to rise. She would also take this responsibility on to keep track of these cases as well.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve and accept the Special Projects Grant, which will run July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Vote: 3-0

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

On Xavier Road, they have a pipe project that is expected to be completed by next week, weather permitting. He has also reached out for quotes for pricing on striping the roads. He has not heard back yet. There is a F250 pickup that is beyond repair and needs to be considered surplus, so that they can dispose of it.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to declare the 2004 F250 Pickup (Vin#1FTNF20L14EA06361) as surplus so it can be disposed of properly. Vote: 3-0

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A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to appoint Brenda Hardy as the Commissioner Representative for the Bridge Scoring Team. Vote: 3-0

Jason would also like Chuck Skelley from West Side Tractor to come and do a cost metric. There is 13-14 pieces of equipment that the warranties have lapsed. He would like him to be on the Commissioner Agenda for the next meeting.

LANDFILL – Greg Robison

He is in need of stone to fill in the pond and realign the road way. He feels it would be more beneficial to haul rock in, instead of using the stone from the County highway's stockpile.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Currently, there is 69 inmates in the Jail and Vermillion County has asked if they would take on 10 more of their inmates.

The Jail is having issues with the fire alarms. They keep going off for no reason. Someone is coming out today to look at them and hopefully figure out why it is throwing a certain code.

On the subject of the 1st Amendment Audits, he thinks it would be beneficial if they held a training session at the courthouse so everyone would be prepared on how to respond to them.

Also, he would like the Commissioners to consider putting up a fence around the Jail. This would help in many ways.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 16, 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

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker