

**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**June 6, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - none**

**Summer Internship – Carson Keller**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the summer internship. Vote: 2-0

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-184 (\$341,510.45), Unpublished Claims and Payroll Claims**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve all Claims. Vote: 2-0

**Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for April 2022.**

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

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

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Health Department (Apr) and Sheriff (May). Vote: 2-0

**SEALED BIDS – CCMG PROJECT 2022-1 (WEDGE & OVERLAY)**  
**CR 900 S FROM US HWY 41 TO SR 341**

**Reith Riley      \$751,017.00**  
**\$425,952.00 as an alternate Bid**

**Milestone        \$718,854.00**  
**\$439,470.00 as an alternate Bid**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the bids. USI will review the bids and compare. The Commissioners will then accept the bid upon the recommendations of USI. Vote: 2-0

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

**Co General – Radio Dispatch**

From: 1000-0303-10206 Operator

To: 1000-0303-22000 Office Supplies \$3,773.32

Transfer is due to an ad for employment in the newspaper and some other additional costs for their new copier.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfer in the amount of \$3,773.32. Vote: 2-0

**ARPA**

From: 8950-0000-44901 Capital Outlay

To: 8950-0000-33130 Contractual Services \$3,000

Transfer is to cover the expense for the mowing of the Courthouse lawn.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the transfer in the amount of \$3,000. Vote: 2-0

**INDOT – Project on US 41 over Coal Creek - Transfer of Real Estate**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the offer to transfer real estate over to the State of Indiana for the project on US 41 (approximate address 449 E 50 S). Vote: 2-0

**DOSSETT CONSULTING LLC – Consulting/Indirect Costs**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the agreement with Dossett Consulting for a three-year period at \$3,200 per year. Vote: 2-0

**JUDGE CAMPBELL – Payout of Comp Time**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy approve the pay out the Compensation time for Becky Baldwin. Vote: 2-0

**Tax Intercept Program**

Paula Copenhaver feels her office is in charge of collections and that it not up to the Judge whether or not to change to the Tax Intercept Program. She also feels it puts more work on her office. The Judge, however, feels that it is the Commissioner’s decision. Putting the program into place would allow for the tickets to be paid for and less people having their license suspended. The Commissioners and Paula are going to gather more information from other Counties that have the program in place. A final decision will be made at a later date.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge and accept the County Highway’s Annual Financial Report for 2021. Vote: 2-0

**MAPLE CORNER – Quotes for the removal of shrubs and trees (170 feet)**

Smart Contractors Inc.	\$2,250.00
Slider Tree Service	\$4,000.00

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to accept the quote from Smart’s Contractors Inc. for the removal of the trees and shrubs from the Maple Corner property. Vote: 2-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels**

They have applied for a grant to cover the purchase of new computers and laptops for his department. They were not able to file for the grant for the bariatric ambulance due to time constraints and the amount of information needed.

**CORONER – Quote for Cot (\$4,137.19) & Cot Cover (\$115.58)**

Quote for lights (front & rear warning), Controller/Speakers, etc., Tint \$1,874.00

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the purchases including the cot, cot cover, lights (front & rear), controller/speakers and tint. Vote: 2-0**

**CUSTODIAN – Rick Beck**

He asked the commissioners if he should continue to mow the lawn at the old jail. The answer is yes, because it is still the County’s responsibility.

**HEALTH – Erich Haley**

They would like their refrigerator and freezer to be considered surplus so that they may dispose of it.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to declare the refrigerator and freezer as surplus and to dispose of as they see fit. Vote: 2-0**

The property off of 74 is still stock piling junk. They took numerous pictures and would like to proceed with further action against them. The County Attorney advised that the County has ordinances that will cover further action being taken. The Commissioners support this decision.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to support the Health Department in pursuing further action against the land owner to clean up the property. Vote: 2-0**

The property on Silver Island Road is not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. He has supposedly gotten the engineering study done and is in contact with the DNR, but they have yet to see any paperwork.

**HIGHWAY - Jason Lewis**

The Highway Department received the last of their fleet trucks. They have interviewed a couple people for positions there and would like to send them off for a Pre-Employment Drug Screen. The Commissioners think they could use the County General Commissioners line item to pay for the testing.

Bridge 202 needs to be scored.

They would like to sell the Pad Foot Roller. Westside Tractor would like to buy it. The County Attorney advised that they would have to get bids for the equipment and it would need to be declared as surplus.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to declare the Pad Foot Roller as surplus and for the Highway to receive bids to sell / dispose of the equipment as seen fit. Vote: 2-0**

INDOT/Federal Highway is enforcing the new law to update bridge signage. This will cost between \$12,000-\$13,000. It is not in their budget. The Council and Auditor will figure out which fund to use.

**ROGER AZAR – TANKS**

He wanted to go on record that the tanks at the old jail have been taken out and cleaned. The soil has been tested and sent to IDEM. The hole has been filled in and seed put down.

**GIBSON TELDATA INC**

A motion was made by Brenda Hardy and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the quotes for renewals for the courthouse telephones. Vote: 2-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.**

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to close the meeting. Vote: 2-0

Colleen Chambers  
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy  
Andrew Hall