

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 20, 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 – WEGA (Wabash Economic Growth Alliance)

Rod Bannon and the board for WEGA, which consists of Bill Glass, Brian Kraft, Patricia Hargan and Sharon Negele. They are requesting \$750,000 of the ARPA funds to be allotted for their project based in Attica. The Project consists of an incubator for training and a marketplace downtown Attica to help entrepreneurs on their journey to start a business and bring economic development to the County. WEGA is a private non-profit organization. They are closing on one of the historic brick buildings downtown at the end of the month. It is in major need of restoration. They have received grants and money allocated from the City of Attica. The Commissioners are willing to allocate up to \$750,000 of the ARPA funds depending on the Council approval.

Carol Freese – Cades Mill Bridge

They have applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to cable the bridge to help stabilize it. So far, they have raised over \$200,000 and promised over \$200,000. The Commissioners have agreed for them to proceed with cabling the Cade’s Mill Bridge. The Wallace Covered Bridge is in desperate need of paint and the brush removed from around the bridge.

MINUTES – *motion was unable to be made due to Andrew’s absence and Tim not at the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the Drainage Board Minutes of May 31, 2022 as presented.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-194 (\$153,793.55) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve all Claims.

Vote: 2-0

Review & Acknowledge Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for May, 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds.

Vote: 2-0

May 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 Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff.

Vote: 2-0

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the execution of the Covered Bridge Certification.

Vote: 2-0

VALLEY OAKS – Request for Donation

They are requesting a donation in the amount of \$2,000 for the Beyond the Violence Program. They have been awarded half the amount from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve a donation of \$2,000 to the Beyond the Violence Program.

Vote: 2-0

Fountain County Building Corporation – Lease Rental Bonds

Baker Tilly has prepared the report for the Annual Information for Continuing Disclosure Compliance for 2021.

A motion to approve the report was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the report.

Vote: 2-0

ARPA FUNDS - Recommendations

The ARPA committee met on Monday, June 13 and are making the following recommendations for the use of the remaining funds.

Town of Kingman	\$150,000
Attica – Market Place	\$150,000
Courthouse Renovations	\$225,000
Co Hwy – Salt Barn	\$200,000

*Tabled until the July 5th Meeting

FOUNTAIN WARREN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to have the County Attorney send a letter to Warren County expressing their decision to dissolve the Fountain Warren Health Department contract.

Vote: 2-0

Tax Intercept Program

The Clerk found that only 3 counties use the program. Fountain County has a lot of out of state tickets. This program only works on people that live in the State of Indiana. It will cause a lot more work for her department and she is not in favor of the program.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to deny the tax intercept program.

Vote: 2-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Roger Azar visited the Med Shed and ran a camera through the septic system. It was found that it is not a very good system and easily saw why there are so many issues. In order to correct the system, they are hoping that if they take up the concrete in a 20x10 area of the kitchen, that they can re-route the pipes to flow better. If this doesn't work, a much bigger project will have to take place that will require a new man hole. He is currently working on getting quotes. Roger also recommended that a maintenance fund be placed in the EMS budget each year for building issues that may come up.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

She has gotten the name of a genealogy group that will come and preserve the counties marriage licenses for free. She would like to be on the agenda for the next Commissioner meeting, in which she will have more information.

HEALTH – Erich Haley

They are still pursuing ongoing cases and looking into complaints. The property on 234 is an ongoing issue. He is continuing to put bags and bags of garbage in and around the property. They are waiting on a Writ of Assistance to remove him from the property.

HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis

The County Attorney will be getting the bid notice to Colleen for the Roller to sell.

There was a pre-construction meeting held with Milestone for paving on 900S.

USI started bridge inspections last week as well.

He is also waiting on a quote from Clear Span for a salt barn.

LANDFILL – Roger Azar

An estimate needs to be obtained for the east pond and the straightening of the road at the landfill. This is necessary for paperwork to be filed with IDEM.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Currently, there are 64 in jail, 36 of which the County is being paid for. The air conditioners on the roof were struck by lightning. The insurance will cover the damage.

Roger Azar

The samples from the old jail's underground fuel tanks came back clean. No further action is required.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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
