

**MINUTES**  
**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 5, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

**E. J. MARTIN – Chip & Seal**

Tim Shumaker stated that he had been approached by EJ Martin in regards to chipping and sealing his road (Rabb Road) back to his home. He would pay Bi-State to do the work but would like to know if the county would maintain it. Travis Covault said that there is a lot of dura berm on the roadway, which is not good for chip and seal. After some discussion; Tim, Jason and Travis will go and look at the road before a decision is made.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022 meeting and the Drainage Board meeting (6/20/22) as presented. Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022 Commissioner meeting and the Special Joint Session Minutes between Fountain and Warren County Commissioners and Council as presented. Vote: 2-0

**CLAIMS 1-132 (\$197,565.28), Unpublished and Payroll Claims**

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

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

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

**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

After a presentation from the WEGA committee, the Commissioners tabled this agenda item to the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Commissioners made the recommendation for the following:

Town of Kingman	not to exceed \$400,000
Attica – Market Place	not to exceed \$750,000
KJG Architecture	\$40,000
Courthouse Renovation	Tabled
Co Hwy – Salt Barn	Tabled

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

**SRI – Ordinance Establishing the Sheriff’s Sale Program and Service Fee**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to sign Ordinance 2022-4 An Ordinance to Establish the Sheriff’s Sale Program and Service Fees. Vote: 3-0

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

**LIT Public Safety – Sheriff**

1170-0005-22030	Tires, Gas, Oil & Lube	\$60,000
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The constant increase in gas prices has caused a shortage in this appropriation. We have taken figures from January to mid-June of this year to try to come up with a realistic amount that will carry us through the end of 2022.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to go to the Council with the request. Vote: 3-0

**Barnes & Thornburg – Rick Hall (Tax Abatement)**

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to retain Rick Hall to assist with the possible tax abatement on the Solar projects in Fountain County. Vote: 3-0

**UMR – Acceptance Letter**

The plan for Freshbeans was updated to include mental health. The new plan is actually less (\$11.99 to \$9.69 per employee) than the original with more benefits to the employee.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy to sign the acceptance letter from UMR. Vote: 2-0  
(Tim Shumaker abstained)

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels**

He is currently working on getting a price for the flooring for the EMS building. Garth is also trying to find a place to house EMS while they are working on the drain problem. There was discussion about whether to do the cheaper fix and hope it fixes the problem or go ahead with the complete fix. Garth also had concerns about his fuel appropriation due to the rising increases in fuel. He is asking for an additional in the amount of \$50,000.

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the request and send it on to the Council in the amount of \$50,000.** **Vote: 3-0**

**CLERK – Paula Copenhaver**

She has obtained quotes to repair and repaint the lettering on her office door. It has been is disrepair since she became Clerk.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the repair/lettering in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid out of capital outlay.** **Vote: 3-0**

**HEALTH – Erich Haley**

They have met with the County Attorney on several of the cases and will be working on resolutions. The bank attorney has not approved the delivery of the letter that was issued by the small claims court on the 234 E property.

**Tim Shumaker made a motion and was seconded by Andrew Hall to give the approval for the County attorney to start the process on the 234 E property. Vote: 3-0**

**HIGHWAY – Jason Lewis**

Jason reported that 900 S is done. They will be scheduling the striping soon. This was done with the Community Crossing Grant (2022-1). The second round for 2022 has opened for the CCMG. He is working with USI and would like to possibly do River Road. They will also be starting with some Chip and Seal within the next two weeks. We have several roads in need. He had a crew clean up around the Wallace Covered bridge. One corner is gone. He will contact Roger Azar to look at it before they start any repairs.

Jason also voiced concern over his fuel budget and maintenance line item.

**A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve an additional request as follows:**

<b>MVH</b>	
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 85,000</b>

<b>MVH Restricted</b>	
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>

**Vote: 3-0**

**LANDFILL/Recycle Compost Pile - Greg Robison**

They are waiting on the bid from Bell’s Excavating in regards to the pond and roadway.

We have heard back from IDEM and the permit for the compost pile has been denied due to the fact that some of the compost is on the property owned by the Fountain County Commissioners (landfill) and not the Fountain County Solid Waste Management District. Greg will go out and move the compost back on the property of Solid Waste and put-up concrete barriers. A picture and map will then be sent to IDEM for approval. We have 30 days to comply.

**Matrix Integration (Barracuda) – Brad Keller**

It is time to renew our web filter. We have a five-year option (\$7,762.46) and a three-year option (\$5,305.98).

**A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to go with the 5-year option in the amount of \$7,762.49.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**OLD JAIL - County Attorney – Kent Minnette**

Kent reported that he will be working with the City Attorney on the transfer of the jail to the City of Covington.

**COMMISSIONERS – Tim Shumaker**

**Health Dept** – The split will be effective January 1, 2023. They would like for the board to be in place by July 30. In August, they will interview all employees who would like to stay with Fountain County.

They should know by the end of August who will be staying and who is going. There are several questions that have come up and answers will need to be obtained from the State.

**IMPA** – They are inquiring about purchasing property from the County. A go ahead was given to see what the offer may be and to explore the possibility.

**Courthouse doors** – They are in need of repair. There will be a company here on Thursday of this week, to give a quote on the repair.

**Trees** – Courthouse lawn – Some of the trees are in need of trimming as there have been several fallen limbs. They will be getting estimates on trimming.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 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

Cecilia Chambers  
**ATTEST**

Brenda Hardy

Andrew Hall

Tim Shumaker