

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 1, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cades Covered Bridge

Henry Schmidt addressed the Commissioners in regards to the Cades Covered Bridge. They have talked with VS Engineering. They will do a study, get the necessary permits and repair the bridge for about 35% less than another engineering firm hired by the Commissioners. They would like for the County to commit \$130,000 from the Cum Bridge fund for the repair of the bridge. Brenda and Andrew went over the budget process. A formal bid process would also have to be done. The county also has a major bridge project coming up. The Commissioners are in support of the restoration of the bridge, if funds are available other than ARP money.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS 1- 145 (\$260,489.80), Unpublished and Payroll Claims

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

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2022.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2022. Vote: 3-0

June 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 Health Dept for the month of June. Vote: 3-0

**Request for Additional
Co General – Jail
1000-0380-22080**

Prisoner Meals \$75,000

The constant increase in food prices has caused a shortage in this appropriation. This is the amount needed based on figures from the previous 6 months.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve the additional request in the amount of \$75,000 and send it on to the council. Vote: 3-0

Bids for Pad Roller

Bids were received from:

West Side Tractor Sales \$131,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to accept the bid from West Side Tractor Sales in the amount of \$131,000. Vote: 3-0

West Side Tractor – Chuck Skelley – Maintenance Agreements

He presented a Warranty Status report on the equipment that is owned by Fountain County. The total figure is \$97,972.00. This agreement will cover a 2-year period. It will cover the power train and hydraulics. It will not cover anything that is electronic.

Andrew Hall made a motion to approve an additional in the amount of \$98,000 out of MVH Maintenance. Tim Shumaker seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

Resolution 2022-5 – Approving the Transfer of Real Property from Fountain County, Indiana to the City of Covington (Old Jail)

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve and sign Resolution 2022-5 transferring the old jail to the City of Covington.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Contractors will be at the EMS Building on Tuesday to remove the concrete from the kitchen area. Matt Johnson will be there on Wednesday to correct the drain problem. The Commissioners would like to be notified when this is completed so they can look at it also. Garth has contacted Danville Flooring and will also be contacting Tim Roemer for pricing on flooring. He is hoping that they will not have to move EMS while construction is going on. He also reported that the Bridge closure on SR 41 is causing some problems with the EMS service. The completion date is November 30, 2022.

EMA – Joe Whitaker

Joe reported that he has applied for a grant in the amount of \$26,000 for mitigation.

HIGHWAY - Jason Lewis

Jason reported that they will be starting the chip and seal process on Tuesday, August 2. He will furnish a list of roads to be done to the Commissioners. Since they are no longer doing the grader program for the gravel roads, he asked the Commissioners if he could sell the grader blade. Boone County is interested in it. The Commissioners gave him the go ahead to negotiate the sale with Boone County. He is also dealing with the Bridge closure on US 41.

SHERIFF – Andrew Krout for Sheriff Holt

They have approximately 70 inmates at time with 28-30 being held for other counties. They had a jail inspection last week and the tractor needs to be housed in something other than the sally port. They would like to get the carport from the old jail and put sides on it for the tractor. Commissioners gave approval and stated it needs to be moved this week.

Custodian – Rick Beck

He has talked with Carol Freese about getting trees to replace the ones recently removed from the Courthouse lawn. They have estimates in the \$5,000 range. They should be planted in the spring of the year. Also, Kone will be here to repair the Wheel chair lift this week.

County Farm – Sale of 17 acres

The County Attorney will prepare the notice and the sale of approximately 17 acres will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

IMPA – Solar Farm

County Attorney, Kent Minnette, has received the contract and is reviewing it.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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

Colleen Chambers
ATTEST

Brenda Hardy
Andrew Hall
Tim Shumaker