

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 16, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Apple Festival – Amy Thompson

Requesting permission for use of the Courthouse bathrooms during the Apple Festival

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the bathrooms being open on September 24, 2022 for the Applefest. Payment of staff and supplies will be taken care of by the Applefest committee. Vote: 3-0

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-160 (\$488,384.79) and Payroll Claims

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

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

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to acknowledge the Treasurer’s Bank Reconciliation for April, 2022 and Monthly Comparison Report of Funds. Vote: 3-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk’s Monthly Report for March 2022.

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

April 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 (Mar & Apr), Clerk, Recorder and Sheriff. Vote: 3-0

TRANSFER REQUEST

MVH Restricted

From: 1173-0000-33605 Road Preservation
To: 1173-0000-44900 Bridge Repair \$44,726.00
Payment for invoice on Bridge #88 – Campbell’s Excavating

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Andrew Hall to approve the transfer in the amount of \$44,726.00. Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION 2022-17 – Resolution of the Fountain County Ind Board of Commissioners for the Adoption of the Fountain County Ind Cafeteria Plan

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Resolution 2022-17. Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

He is applying for a couple grants. One is in the amount of \$150,000 and it is not a matching grant. The deadline is next Monday. The second grant is through FSSA for a bariatric ambulance. This particular ambulance is more expensive. Garth is working with someone to help with the application process to possibly purchase one. He is also working on purchasing another ambulance as well.

CLERK – Paula Copenhaver

She sent a letter to the commissioners with a request to sell the old election equipment (Encoders). She bought them originally in the amount of \$110 each. She can sell them for \$75 each. There are 18 of them.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to declare the old election equipment as surplus. That the value did not exceed the market value, so therefor considered junk. Clerk can sell at her discretion.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH – Jenny Eads

There has been progress on Dixie Bee Road. The property on 234 E has had no progress. If anything, it is getting worse and the Health Department would like to move forward with the next step. The owner of the I-74 property is working with the Health Department.

HIGHWAY - Jason Lewis

There is a full-time employee leaving on Thursday. He has a part time employee he would like to use to fill the full-time position. The Commissioners were fine with that.

The Xavier Pipe Project will be done by Wednesday and Portland Arch has been patched.

Chuck Skulley, from West Side Tractor, came to talk to the Commissioners to discuss the warranty issues that the machines were having. For the last 2 years, the warranties have not been kept up on. There are 13 machines and 9 of them are out of warranty. West Side Tractor is going to take oil samples, test and submit them. John Deere will decide if they will extend the warranty. The warranty extension will be at a cost to the County, which could be up to \$20,000 for each unit. He will also be working with Jason and Travis to decide if there are any machines that are unnecessary to the County and would like to sell. They will help them sell them or give trade in value. Those amounts can be used to offset the cost of the extension of the warranties. He is hoping to have all of the information by mid-June.

SHERIFF – Terry Holt

Currently, there is 69 in the jail. 32 are out of county. Sullivan County has contacted them about taking on 20 more inmates. They will be accepting 10.

There was an incident on Friday afternoon on I74, where a Semi side swiped the Veedersburg Police truck and one of the Sheriff vehicles. The Veedersburg truck was totaled. They are still waiting to hear on the Sheriff vehicle. No one was injured.

The bids for the new Tahoes opened on Thursday. The cost went up \$4,000 per vehicle.

PHI Helicopter

They will plan on having the Helicopter at the Night Out Against Crime unless Adam (Ext Office) has something else in the workings at the

fairgrounds for another night. The date of the Night Out Against Crime is July 28th.

MOWING

The Courthouse mowing was discussed. Tim Shumaker will look into the matter.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, June 6, 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