

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007
9:00 A.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met November 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse with the following board members present: Terry Ellingwood, Janet Shoaf and Lowell Osborn.

The Minutes of the October 15, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Lowell Osborn and seconded by Janet Shoaf to approve the computer claims #1-281 and the monthly claims.

Vote: 3-0

KONE ELEVATOR

The decision on the repair of the elevator sheave was tabled until the Commissioners receive the estimates from other elevator companies.

A proposal was received to do the annual inspection on the wheel chair lift in the amount of \$325.00. This decision was also tabled until the Custodian can obtain an estimate from Otis Elevator Company.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT
APPOINTMENTS**

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to appoint Dr. P. R. Petrich as the Health Officer for January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2011; Dr. Joseph Furr to the Fountain/Warren Health Department Board for November 5, 2007 to December 31, 2010; Dr. Max Hoffman and Evelyn Wheeler to the Fountain/Warren Health Department Board for January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011.

Vote: 3-0

AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer presented the Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$68,448.36 for the October 2007 collections.

Virginia reported that she and Ron Howard had worked on the fee schedule for 2008. She went over the changes with the Commissioners. Lowell Osborn made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to approve the new fee schedule. The County Attorney will draft an Ordinance reflecting the new fee schedule.

Vote: 3-0

Virginia stated that she has heard from Jolissa Bates on the grant. Ms. Bates needs a firm commitment from the Commissioners so that we can move forward or we are in jeopardy of losing the grant.

Janet Shoaf made a motion subject to the formation of a committee, which should include a Commissioner, Councilman, Virginia Scherer, Garth Kagels and Dr. Joseph Furr. The Committee will engage the services of an engineer with a contingency that fees would not be paid until approval of the grant. The Engineer would waive fees if the grant is denied. The engineer fees would be used as part of the County "in kind" contribution. The Commissioner's representative will be Lowell Osborn. The motion was seconded by Lowell Osborn.

Vote: 2-1

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Janet Shoaf will put together a proposed Holiday Schedule for 2008 and present it at the next meeting.

SHERIFF/LAPTOPS

Chief Deputy Dana Jeffries presented the Commissioners with letters from the Prosecuting Attorney and the Judge in support of the request for the additional in the amount of \$37,651.00 for equipment necessary to get the laptops up and running in the Sheriff Department vehicles.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the council with the additional request in the amount of \$37,651.00 for one new laptop, modems and installation. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Bill Stonecipher (member of audience) stated if the equipment was necessary and acceptable at the time of purchase why the change. He stated that the County should move forward with the additional. He also stated that he uses technology in his farming. It saves him time, fuel and is more efficient. He feels the Sheriff's Department should also have this technology.

Sheriff Bass stated that their jobs are based on technology. He has worked within his budget. The County has already spent \$120,000 for this equipment. He feels the Commissioners are stopping them from doing their job.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS INC.

Gene Stockdale stated that there has been communication from IDEM regarding the permit process for NJK Farms. IDEM has stated that three sections of the permit have not been completed. They are the geology, engineering and good character portions.

Mr. Stockdale also stated that core samples are being taken from the site. The deficiencies must be submitted to IDEM by December 1, 2007 unless an extension is granted by IDEM.

E-911

Crystal Gritten presented the Commissioners with two estimates for consoles for the dispatch center. The quotes were within \$2,000.00 of each other. She stated that Watson Dispatch has been good to work with and were the less of the two quotes. Crystal stated that she does have the money in her equipment line item for the consoles.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to purchase the consoles from Watson Dispatch in the amount of \$19,002.00. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

JAIL COMMITTEE

Bill Stonecipher wanted an update of the status of the jail committee. Terry Ellingwood stated that he has talked with an architect and will set up a time to meet with the Committee.

HEALTH

Fred Martin reported that the county is NIMS compliant. This is very important for any grant the county would apply for.

Fred also stated that two items need to be addressed in regards to the health department building. They are the blocking of the windows and repair of the leaking roof. He will be receiving estimates on these issues. Terry Ellingwood stated that he would like to see

the building thoroughly cleaned by someone needing to perform community service from the Community Corrections program. Fred Martin will look into this possibility.

Fred also stated that he is working on the preparedness grant.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Walt Wilson stated that he would like to take bids on December 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. for tile and sewer pipe; gravel, stone & rip rap.

He also has an application for a new card so that the county could view and purchase federal surplus.

Walt stated that Bridge #165 on Sterling Avenue was in need of repair. He was able to purchase 50 foot beams from Wirtz & Yates, which will be used as the county "in kind" portion. He also received an estimate from Wirtz & Yates in the amount of \$74,400.00 for the repair of the bridge.

Lowell Osborn made a motion to repair Bridge #165 in the amount of \$74,400.00. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

COMMISSIONER SALE

The County Attorney, Richard Holmes, stated that he is ready to proceed with the Commissioner's sale on the property in Newtown. He would like approval since the fees are over and above his normal amount. Janet Shoaf made a motion to proceed with the Commissioner's sale for the Newtown property (Parcel #23-09-06-308-001.000-013 C Walker). Lowell Osborn seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.

Attest: _____

Lowell Osborn

Janet Shoaf

Terry Ellingwood