

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2007
9:00 A.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met December 3, 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 November 19, 2007 were approved as corrected. It was noted that Mr. Willis's comments were made after the meeting.

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY

Janet Shoaf welcomed the Students participating in the Youth in Government Day. She went over the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the computer claims #1- 229 and the monthly claims.

Vote: 3-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Clerk's Report and the Treasurer's Report for October were reviewed by the Commissioners.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY
BIDS**

Richard Holmes and Walt Wilson opened the bids for the gravel, culverts and bridges and compared prices. Walt recommended that he take the bids for the culvert, pipes and bridges back to the garage and compare them so that he could make a recommendation to the Commissioners at the next meeting. The Commissioners agreed.

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to accept all gravel bids.

Vote: 3-0

AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer presented the Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$46,061.73 for the November collections.

Virginia Scherer and Dr. Joe Furr presented Resolution 2007-28 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment for the grant for the proposed EMS building to be signed by the Commissioners. There will be a public hearing on December 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Lowell Osborn resigned his position on the committee for the EMS building. Janet Shoaf made a motion to accept Lowell's resignation and appoint Walt Wilson in his place on the committee. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH DEPT BUILDING

The Health Department presented three estimates for repairs to the Health Department Building. Fred Martin stated that the estimate to repair the overhang should be addressed first and the other two estimates for the windows and roof were optional.

Fred Martin informed the Commissioners that the City of Attica has applied for a grant to refurbish the downtown buildings. He was told that the Health Department would

receive approximately \$30,000.00 to repair the front of the building. It is an 80/20 match. Dr. Petrich and Dr Martin told Attica to move forward with the grant as it is not binding at this point in time.

Terry Ellingwood would like to request another bid before proceeding with the overhang repair. He would also like Foust to give the County an estimate for a metal roof on the building. This matter was tabled until the additional bids were received.

HOMESTEAD CREDIT REBATE CHECKS

The Auditor requested that the Commissioners sign a contract with Boyce to prepare the checks for the Homestead Credit Rebate. The fee will be approximately \$3,100.00. She felt that this was more cost efficient than having her staff prepare the checks. The Auditor's office would be doing more claims on an average than they do all year for accounts payable. The fee of .57¢ per check includes postage, check, envelope and required statement.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to sign the contract with Boyce Forms/Systems to prepare and mail the homestead credit rebate checks. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

ORDINANCE 2007-4

The Auditor requested an Ordinance to Provide for the Application of the 2007 Additional Homestead Credit to Delinquent Property Taxes. She stated that Public Law 234-2007 gave the counties the option to apply the rebates to delinquent property taxes owed by the taxpayer or just send the refunds. She would like to apply all monies to the delinquent taxes, if any, before sending the rebate.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to sign Ordinance 2007-4 and was seconded by Lowell Osborn.

Vote: 3-0

ELEVATOR

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to have Terry talk with Kone. Kone stated in their proposal that they would match any other proposal due to the fact we have our maintenance contract with them. Otis Elevator's estimate came in below Kone by \$1,098.00. If Kone would not match the estimate from Otis they would go with Otis.

Vote: 3-0

COUNTY HIGHWAY

SHPO is still requesting that Bridge #5 be on the National Register of Historical Landmarks. They are requesting a meeting at the bridge site to further discuss this matter. Walt would like to have the meeting in Indianapolis as he feels it would be more productive.

Bridge #165 is coming along great. They should be building the forms for the footings this week.

The culvert at 250 N and Stone Bluff road needs to be replaced and they will start work on it soon.

Walt also stated that he had about five employees out on Saturday, due to ice, for about four hours.

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to include Watson Gravel in the bids. There bid was received after 10:00 a.m. because the person bringing the bid experienced car trouble.

Vote: 3-0

**APPOINTMENT
WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

The appointment was tabled until the Commissioners could find a volunteer to serve on the commission.

**COURTHOUSE
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Auditor stated that the Judge took a poll of the Courthouse employees and it was decided to forego the annual Christmas party. The employees would still like to be closed from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. so that they may go from office to office for finger foods etc. They also requested to be closed from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Lowell Osborn to have the Courthouse remain open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2007.

Vote: 3-0

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to add two ½ days to the Holiday Schedule. The Courthouse would close at noon on December 24, 2008 (Christmas Eve) and at noon on December 31, 2008 (New Year's Eve).

Vote: 3-0

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Whitaker asked the Commissioner if they had looked over the report from FEMA on the exercise. It was a very favorable report. Joe stated that 70% of the VX has been completed. They are anticipating to be completed by July or August.

Joe will be getting with the County Attorney to draft a transfer letter and possibly an Ordinance for the equipment that will be going to other departments or counties.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY CITIZENS

Gerald Nolan requested the amount of money that has been spent on transporting prisoners. He feels that we should remodel the jail immediately so that we will have more room to house our own prisoners. He stated that what we pay for housing prisoners over the years would pay for the remodel.

He also asked the Commissioners if \$37,000 for the laptops was worth one person's life.

Jasper Fogleman, Veedersburg Town Council, wanted to know why Emergency Management/Homeland Security did not investigate the theft of chlorine from their storage building. He felt that this could have been a potential hazard to the community.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.

Attest: _____

Lowell Osborn

Janet Shoaf

Terry Ellingwood