

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 17, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on December 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf and Terry Ellingwood.

The minutes of the December 3, 2007 were approved as read.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the computer claims #1-132.

Vote: 2-0

**EMS GRANT/BUILDING
PUBLIC HEARING**

Ron Howard gave a background of the Committee, how it was formed and named the appointed members. Jolissa Bates explained that the grant is federal monies passed down to the State for local rural communities. Fountain County is requesting \$350,000.00 with a local match of \$39,133.00. A need was determined and basic estimates were obtained to justify the request. The final hearing should be on March 21, 2008 and the results of the grant application should be available in 6-8 weeks following.

Ron Howard then asked if there were any questions or concerns from the members of the audience or the committee. Robin Fogleman had concerns with the number of garage doors being installed and the heating cost. Six garage doors are being proposed, three on each side so that they can pull through the garage and not have to back to save time and heat. The Committee is looking into hot water heat. Virginia Scherer stated that the proposed building is a total of 4700 square feet, which includes garage and living quarters.

Virginia Scherer asked permission from the Commissioners to seek a grant from the USDA to furnish the new building. It will amount to 15% of total project cost, which will be approximately \$60,000.00. This is a 100% grant with no county match.

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to move forward with obtaining the grant from the USDA office.

Vote: 2-0

ASSESSOR

Sandy Whitaker presented a contract with ASII for the personal property data to be signed by the Commissioners.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY
BIDS**

Walt Wilson recommended that we accept all bids on the culvert and bridge package bids. Terry Ellingwood would like for Walt to make out a sheet listing the lowest price and company for each size and type of pipe.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to accept all bids for the culvert and bridge packages. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

Bridge #165 was moving along quickly until the recent snow. They should be ready to pour the floor when the weather permits.

The Towpath Road will be closed while school is out for the holidays to repair the culvert.

Terry Ellingwood requested that the tree on River Road be removed as it was the site of a fatal accident. It is located on county right of way.

HEALTH DEPT BUILDING

The Commissioners received an estimate from Bennie Beiler to repair the roof at the Health Department in the amount of \$2,680.00. He will repair each window for \$90.00 each for a total of \$720.00.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go with the lower bid contingent upon 50% of the total cost being paid by Warren County. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR

No appointee has been found for the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The State is requiring a letter from the Commissioners regarding the salaries for Emergency Management. Joe presented a letter to the Commissioners for approval and signatures. The money comes from FEMA to run through September 2008. The VX destruction is at 71% and should be completed in August 2008.

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to sign the letter to CSEPP.

Vote: 2-0

The State is requiring a letter of transfer on anything with an initial cost of \$500.00 or more.

Joe Whitaker handed out a Snow Emergency Event Level document. He explained each level. Fountain County was at a Level One on Sunday, which closed the roads to the public.

Sheriff Bass would like to have a copy of the Snow Emergency Ordinance so that he and his department may enforce it.

FRANZMAN INSURANCE

The Commissioners tabled the decision in regards to the consulting contract with Franzman Insurance for 2008. They would like more time to review it.

OFFICE CHAIRS

Two bids were received in regards to old office chairs in the Auditor's Office. Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to accept the bids.

Vote: 2-0

LARRY BROCKWAY/MAILBOX

Larry Brockway had a complaint in regards to his mailbox being knocked down by the snowplow. The County offered to replace his mailbox if it was 4 feet from the edge of the road as per county resolution. Mr. Brockway had already repaired it and he did not want reimbursement for it.

COVINGTON/VEEDERSBURG LIBRARY

Janet Shoaf made a motion to appoint John Shambach to the Covington/Veedersburg Public Library Board. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

SHERIFF DEPT/VEHICLES

Sheriff Bass requested two new expeditions for 2008 and equipment for a total of \$40,142.00. Mike Potts of Warrick Motor Company said these concessions were good until February.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the Council with the request in the amount of \$40,142.00 for two new Expeditions. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.
Vote: 2-0

JAIL PROJECT/VENDOR LETTERS

No response has been made in regards to the letters that were sent to the Vendors on November 7, 2007 by the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Holmes, county attorney, send them another letter.

COUNTY CREDIT CARDS

The County is being charged an annual fee for each department’s county credit card in the amount of \$35.00. No interest is being paid on the cards as they are paid in full each month. The Auditor was able to get the fees waived in previous years but the company refuses to waive them for 2008. The Commissioners agreed to pay the annual fees on the credit cards.

COUNTY CEMETARY COMMISSION

Jasper Fogleman asked if we had a county cemetery commission as per IC Code 23-14-26-1. He stated that he and others in Fountain County would like to honor the Veterans and they would overwhelm the trustees of the county. The County attorney will look into this matter.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.

Attest: _____
Lowell Osborn

Janet Shoaf

Terry Ellingwood