

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 21, 2008**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on January 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Terry Ellingwood, and Lowell Osborn

The minutes of the January 7, 2008 were changed to include Lowell Osborn in attendance.

**CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Lowell Osborn and seconded by Janet Shoaf to approve the computer claims #1-219.

Vote: 3-0

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commissioners reviewed the monthly reports from the Health Department for November and December 2007 and the Treasurer's report for December 2007.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Bridge #165 is now open. The approaches need to be paved when weather permits. Guardrail also needs to be erected.

Several roads were flooded recently. The County Highway along with Warren County will be erecting gates in Riverside to keep vehicles from crossing the flooded roadway.

**WABASH VALLEY**

Toni McGowan requested support from the Commissioners regarding domestic violence victims. She is requesting a grant from the Criminal Justice Institute that requires a 20% match. She stated that Fountain County had given to the Crisis Center in the past.

Janet Shoaf made a motion that upon approval of the grant to pay \$4,000.00 to Wabash Valley Hospital for their program for domestic violence victims. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-1

**VACATION OF STREET**

Jimmy Morgan requested to have the street between his properties located in Silverwood be closed. Richard Holmes requested that Mr. Morgan have his attorney prepare the necessary documents to be presented to the Commissioners.

**PLAN COMMISSION**

Jim McKee and Brad Buening handed out to the Commissioners the final document on the Zoning Ordinance. There will be a public hearing on January 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Courthouse. Interested parties can pick up copies at the area libraries or the Auditor's office. The Plan Commission will submit it to the Commissioners at their February 4 meeting for their approval.

Jim McKee also stated that Alan McDonald resigned from the Plan Commission. Mr. McKee requested that they appoint Kyle Crowder. Janet Shoaf made a motion to appoint Kyle Crowder to the plan commission. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

## **SYCAMORE TRAILS**

Commissioners requested that the Auditor contact our appointee to see if she is still interested in being on the Board of Directors for Sycamore Trails.

## **COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Jasper Fogleman reported that a cemetery was being washed away near the County Farm by flood waters. He has been in contact with the Dept. of Natural Resources. DNR, as per Mr. Fogleman, would like to straighten the creek so that it does not disrupt the cemetery.

Lowell Osborn made a motion to establish a County Cemetery Commission with the following appointees and terms, Jasper Fogleman, 5 years; Val Runion, 4 years; Terry Hardin, 3 years; Ed Moyer, 2 years and Dale Cushman, 1 year. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

A Cemetery Commission meeting will be held on February 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hub Civic Center in Veedersburg.

## **4-H WEEK**

Lincoln McGrady asked the Commissioner to declare the week of February 21, 2008 as 4-H week. Janet Shoaf made the motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn. Vote: 3-0

## **JAIL**

Brad Moreland of B & K Engineering, Joe Pesh of Performance Services and Sheriff Bass talked to the Commissioners about the repairs that were done to the jail and the recent inspection of the HVAC system. Sheriff Bass stated that he needed an additional amount of \$32,970.00 for the repairs at the jail.

Mr. Moreland stated that the repairs his company did was a short term fix only. Joe Pesh handed out his inspection report to the Commissioners. He stated that the jail is 28 years old with most of the original equipment and that equipment has not been maintained. The boilers have a life of about 25 years. Pneumatic controls are now digital and need to be calibrated once a year.

It was suggested that the County have a long term plan and do preventative maintenance.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the Council with the request of \$32,970.00 for the repairs at the jail. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

## **COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION**

Janet Shoaf made a motion to sign the certification for the three covered bridges in Fountain County. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

## **ABC APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Lowell Osborn to appoint Gordon Meihls to the Alcohol and Beverage Commission for 2008. Vote: 3-0

## **WABASH RIVER HERITAGE CORRIDOR**

Resolution 2008-1 was signed by the Commissioner confirming the participation of Fountain County in the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.

## HEALTH INSURANCE CONSULTANT

Janet Shoaf stated that she had no other proposal for a consultant in regards to the Health Insurance but requested time to look into it further and report at the next meeting.

## COBRA RATES

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to go with the maximum for the 2008 Cobra Rates.

Vote: 3-0

## AT&T CONTRACT

Lowell Osborn made a motion to sign the AT&T contract to put our Centrex lines back on contract, which will result in lower monthly statements. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

## JAIL COMMITTEE

Bill Stonecipher of the Jail Committee stated that he was approached by Terry Ellingwood in regards to disbanding the Jail Committee because of lack of action. Bill Stonecipher stated that the consensus of the committee was that they could do little or nothing without a broader perspective. They felt with the options that they were given it would end up costing the county a tremendous amount of money.

Lowell Osborn made a motion to disband the Jail Committee. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

Bill Stonecipher stated that he felt it would be advantageous to use the current feasibility study and down size the number of beds. He felt a Covington location would be better suited as far as cost. He also recommended a preventative maintenance agreement for the Jail and possibly the Courthouse.

## ENCUMBRANCES

Janet Shoaf made a motion to approve the encumbrances for 2007. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

### Sheriff

Uniforms/Deputies	0101-0005-02-422.051	\$122.76
* Office Supplies	0101-0005-02-421.010	\$43.22
Batteries/Ammo	0101-0005-02-422.020	\$500.00
Repairs/Maintenance	0101-0005-03-436.010	\$1,109.18
		\$28.50
Scuba Maint/Certification	0101-0005-03-436.020	\$445.05
Automobiles	0101-0005-04-445.010	\$3,095.20

### Co Extension

Special Projects Asst	0101-0028-01-412.040	\$339.50
Office Supplies	0101-0028-02-421.010	\$102.97
Teaching & Demo	0101-0028-02-422.070	\$28.00
Postage	0101-0028-03-439.030	\$6.66
Travel	0101-0028-03-432.010	\$305.80

### Jail

Office Supplies	0101-0380-02-421.010	\$94.59
Computer	0101-0380-02-421.020	\$140.98
Uniforms	0101-0380-02-422.050	\$146.78
Inmate Hygiene	0101-0380-02-422.055	\$66.25
Kitchen	0101-0380-02-422.070	\$510.32
Laundry	0101-0380-02-422.150	\$170.00
Fuel/Vectren	0101-0380-02-422.450	\$1,231.75
Medical	0101-0380-03-431.010	\$930.27

			\$960.18
			\$322.00
	Exterminator	0101-0380-03-431.020	\$60.00
	Janitorial	0101-0380-02-421.050	\$39.04
			\$1,516.45
	Service Contract	0101-0380-03-436.010	\$50.00
			\$2,441.83
	Building Repairs	0101-0380-04-446.010	\$248.43
Auditor			
	0101-0002-02-421.010	Office Supplies	\$721.22
Circuit Court			
	0101-0232-02-421.010	Office Supplies	\$178.00
	0101-0232-02-421.070	Law Books	\$1,615.32
	0101-0232-03-431.295	GAL/Pauper Attorney	\$439.17
	0101-0232-03-431.280	Court Expense	\$5,581.57
	0101-0232-02-421.090	Miscellaneous Supplies	\$500.00
	0101-0232-04-443.020	Furniture & Fixtures	\$488.00
	0101-0232-03-439.020	Dues & Subscriptions	\$50.00
Commissioners			
	0101-0068-03-43.010	Consulting Fees	\$40,000.00
Prosecuting Atty			
	0101-0009-02-421.010	Office Supplies	\$27.38
	0101-0009-03-439-430	Conference	\$200.00
	0101-0009-01-412.030	Bad Check Clerk	\$61.35
Title IV-D			
	0101-0381-01-412.050	Extra Clerical	\$310.96
Ambulance			
	0101-0032-03-431.010	Professional Services	\$2,250.00
	<b>Total County General</b>		<b>\$67,478.68</b>
Infraction			
	0132-0000-03-431.100	Transcripts	\$78.00
	0132-0000-02-421.070	Law on Disc	\$58.00
	<b>Total Infraction</b>		<b>\$136.00</b>
Cum Reassessment			
	0105-0000-02-421.010	Office Supplies	\$387.01
	0105-0000-03-431.360	Service Contract	\$86.94
	0105-0000-03-439.010	Seminars	\$100.00
	0105-0000-03-431.310	Consulting	\$600.00
	0105-0000-03-439.030	Postage	\$36.42
	0105-0000-03-431.230	Equipment Maintenance	\$82.50
	0105-0000-03-430.330	Compliance P/P Data	\$15,000.00
	0105-0000-04-441.030	Computer Software	\$52.50
	<b>Total Cum Reassessment</b>		<b>\$16,345.37</b>
Co Highway			
	0702-0530-03-435.010	Telephone	\$574.47
	0702-0533-02-422.450	Gas	\$20,364.55
	0702-0533-02-436.140	Radio	\$393.00
	0702-0533-03-436.190	Other Repairs	\$561.99
	0702-0533-04-445.050	Road Equipment	\$3,000.00
	<b>Total County Highway</b>		<b>\$24,894.01</b>
Local Road & Street			
	0706-0000-02-422.280	Gravel	\$1,177.19
	0706-0000-02-422.300	Culvert Pipe	\$2,487.26
	0706-0000-02422.450	Gasoline	\$400.42
	0706-0000-03-431.200	Contractual Services	\$7,373.56

	<b>Total LRS</b>		<b>\$11,438.43</b>
Cum Bridge			
	0790-0001-04-449.005	Bridge #5	\$24,153.33
	0790-0001-04-449.063	Bridge #66	\$31,198.55
	0790-0002-02-422.320	Concrete	\$1,261.33
	0790-0002-02-422.325	Gravel	\$4,013.77
	0790-0002-02-422.335	Signs	\$1,228.98
	<b>Total Cum Bridge</b>		<b>\$61,855.96</b>
Tobacco Settlement			
	0808-0000-03-436.010	Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,031.26
	<b>Total Tobacco Settlement</b>		<b>\$1,031.26</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$183,179.71</b>

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M.  
AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT  
8:30 A.M.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lowell Osborn

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Janet Shoaf

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Terry Ellingwood