

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 17, 2008**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on March 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf and Terry Ellingwood.

The minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

**CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the claims 1 – 119. Vote: 2-0

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commissioner's reviewed the monthly reports from the Health Dept, Clerk and Treasurer for February 2008.

**APPOINTMENT/VEEDERSBURG ZONING BOARD**

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Ron Manning and Terry Shields to the Veedersburg Zoning Board. Vote: 2-0

**SALE OF PROPERTY  
TOWN OF VEEDERSBURG**

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to have the County Attorney confer with Stephanie Campbell on the sale of the property located at 118 & 120 N Main Street, parcel #23-11-06-30-143.000-018. Vote: 2-0

**ADDITIONAL/HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

We received an invoice from Mr. Beiller on the repair of the health department building. His invoice was for \$3,736.00, which was \$336 over the original estimate of \$3,400.00. The Tobacco Settlement fund has \$3,031.00 in repairs and maintenance. Fred Martin requested an additional in the amount of \$705.00 to pay the remainder of the invoice via phone. Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the Council with the request in the amount of \$705.00. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 2-0

**ADDITIONAL/JAIL**

Dana Jeffries requested an additional in the amount of \$26,971.52 to pay the Justin Dorsey Plumbing invoice. This amount was originally requested in 2007 but could not be encumbered because we did not receive an invoice until late February. Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the Council with the request. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0

**JAIL INSPECTION**

Dana Jeffries went over the recent report from the jail inspector. The Jail Inspector is requesting a written plan with a timeline to resolve the current issues with the jail. Some of the inspectors concerns are the clean air ventilation system. The showers need to be sandblasted and painted. The employees and prisoners would have to be evacuated to do this. The roof needs to be repaired over Cell Block A & D. There is no storage for unused uniforms. There are missing hinges on doors. The recreation wall needs to be repaired. The Inspector is requiring that an engineer be obtained to test the integrity of the wall. The benches in the shower area need to be replaced. Dana stated that these are the major issues and he would furnish a copy of the inspector's written report to the Commissioners.

The County Attorney reported that he had spoken with Mr. Riggen's attorney and Mr. Riggen has no desire to come back to Fountain County to work.

The Commissioner also heard from Gene Aldridge who put the roof on the jail in 1995. He states that a vast majority of the water is not going through the roof. He believes it is the drain pipes and drains or the roof mounted HVAC units. He feels the roof does not need to be replaced. The white coat needs to be put on again which would cost approximately \$10,000.00 to repair. He also stated that this would need to be done fairly quickly.

When asked how he proposed to fix the leaks he stated he would put drain holes in strategic places in each HVAC unit, which would cost approximately \$100.00 to \$500.00 per each unit.

Dana Jeffries was concerned about the water coming down the window and into Cell Block D and the entry way.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Joe Whitaker handed out information on an "Elected and Appointed Official Workshop" to be held on April 10, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in Hillsdale on the topic of overseeing and coordinating the efforts of personnel within comprehensive emergency management programs.

Joe also handed out to the Commissioners lists of equipment over \$500.00 that will be transferred to Parke and Vermillion Counties.

Joe stated that Deb Wagner will be coming to the April 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting to go over the closeout of CSEPP. She will be able to answer any questions.

Joe is currently working on two grants. One for the fire service in regards to accountability. The other grant is for communications equipment for law enforcement.

Terry Ellingwood stated that he would like to meet with Joe to discuss the continuation of the Emergency Management Department.

### **E-911**

Virginia Scherer presented the Commissioners with quotes from AT&T and Motorola to move the lines in the E-911 center for the new office equipment. They are also expecting a quote from WTH. It was decided that these amounts could be paid from the Repairs and Maintenance line item in the E-911 Budget. The system will be down of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and on April 1<sup>st</sup> to move the lines.

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to sign the contract with AT&T to move the lines in the E-911 center. Vote: 2-0

### **E-911/ADDITIONAL**

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to authorize the advertising of the notice of an additional appropriation for E-911 for Overtime. Vote: 2-0

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Walt Wilson recommended that we go with the bids from Clark Chevrolet for truck beds and accessories in the amount of \$33,497.00 each and with the bid from Brickyard for the trucks in the amount of \$77,354.80.

Janet Shoaf made the motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood. Vote: 2-0

Walt also publicly thanked the farmers in Fountain County for calling and inquiring about the load limits on the County roads.

**CONCERNED CITIZEN  
CAROL OWENS**

Carol Owens addressed the Commissioners on the payment of the vendors on the jail project. She stated that she would be seeking an attorney and talking with State Board of Accounts. David Ziegler stated that he felt that the Companies that were paid had in fact completed the work and in good faith should have been paid for their services.

**PLAN COMMISSION**

Jim McKee reported that the plan commission will be revising the proposed zoning ordinance. He stated that it would be simpler and more condensed. His goal was to bring it to the Commissioners at their April 7, 2008 meeting. He will be taking the revised document around to the libraries for the public. The Commissioners agreed that another public hearing should be held to get the public's opinion on the revised document.

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

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

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Lowell Osborn

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Janet Shoaf

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Terry Ellingwood