

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

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

The minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Lowell Osborn to approve the claims 1 – 181. Vote: 3-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commissioners reviewed the monthly reports for March 2008 from the Health Department and the Treasurer.

JOE WHITTINGTON

Joe Whittington asked that the Commissioners put their differences behind and get on with the business of the County especially where the jail is concerned.

E-911
ADDITIONAL/OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Virginia Scherer introduced the new director of E-911, Mendy Holycross. Ms. Holycross asked the Commissioners for an additional in the amount of \$12,077.00 for the seconded installment for the new office equipment that was recently installed. The request for new office equipment was granted in 2007 and at that time there was money in the appropriation. However, the first half of the invoice was paid for in January 2008. The amount remaining was not submitted to the Auditor for encumbrance at the beginning of the year.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to advertise the additional in the amount of \$12,072.00 for Equipment (1156-0000-04-441.010) in the 2008 E-911 Budget. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

E-911
ADDITIONAL/OVERTIME

Lowell Osborn made a motion to approve the additional request in the amount of \$32,000.00 for overtime (1156-0000-01-412.030) in the 2008 budget for E-911. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL REPORT

The Auditor submitted the Congressional School Report to the Commissioners for approval. The balance as of May 1, 2007 was \$26,327.42. Interest collected was \$1,494.72.

Lowell Osborn made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to approve the Congressional School Report. Vote: 3-0

BIDS

Walt Wilson opened the bids, due to the absence of the County Attorney, for liquid asphalt and bituminous. One bid was received for each. After reading the bids, Walt recommended that the Commissioners accept both bids.

Lowell Osborn made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to accept the bids for liquid asphalt and bituminous. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Walt Wilson reported the culvert on CR 250 is now completed. They will also be replacing a culvert on 650N and Scout Camp Road.

The highway department has purchased milling from Reith Riley for \$5.00 per ton and will be used for the road shoulders. Walt has had two men retire and they have been replaced.

Walt is preparing for a field check of Bridge #5. He also reported that a truck damaged Bridge #104, which is on Foster Road. The road has been closed until the bridge can be repaired.

COURTHOUSE JORDAN SERVICE COMPANY

The Auditor received two invoices from Jordan Service Company for boiler repairs. There is not enough money to pay the invoice out of repairs. Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Lowell Osborn to move \$489.74 from Building Structure & Repair (0101-1072-04-441.030) to Repairs & Maintenance (0101-0172-03-436.130).

Vote: 3-0

CERTIFICATION OF PARCELS

The Auditor gave each Commissioner a copy of the certification of parcels for each township. There are no Townships in Fountain County with more than 15,000 real estate parcels.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Whitaker stated that 87% of the VX has been destroyed. They are expecting to be completed by the 2nd week of August. He invited the Commissioners to a CSEPP workshop on June 24th -26th. The Director and a Commissioner are requested to attend.

Joe Whitaker requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$16,171.82 to continue the operation of the Emergency Management Office for October, November and December.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go to the Council with the additional request in the amount of \$16,171.82. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Joe Whitaker handed out a binder to each Commissioner containing an Overview of the Emergency Management Program. Joe went through the information with the Commissioners. Many items were discussed in support and continuation of the program. Virginia Scherer, Fred Martin and Gordon Foster each stated that Joe has been an asset to the program and would like to see the program continue.

LARRY BROCKWAY

Larry Brockway asked if the Commissioners had looked into the formation of the Plan Commission. Terry Ellingwood read a memo from the County Attorney stating the “political makeup of the citizen members does conform to the statute”. The selection of the trustee was made for the purpose of providing geographic balance to the plan commission. This may be a non- issue for the reason the work of the plan commission is largely completed. The County Attorney stated that a telephone poll of the trustees resulted in at least seven of the eleven trustees approved of the selection.

Mr. Brockway wanted to know how much this (zoning) was going to cost the taxpayers.

He also asked why the Commissioners were holding a special meeting for zoning and not on the jail issue. Mr. Brockway also challenged the Commissioners on the zoning ordinance in regards to permits.

The Commissioners and Council will meet in an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2008.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.

Attest: _____

Lowell Osborn

Janet Shoaf

Terry Ellingwood