

## **FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 5, 2008**

**9:00 A.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on May 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Lowell Osborn and Terry Ellingwood.

The minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28th, 2008 meetings were approved as read.

### **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Lowell Osborn to approve the claims 1 – 244 and the monthly claims.

Vote: 3-0

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commissioners reviewed the monthly report from the Clerk for April 2008.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Virginia Scherer and Greg Robison asked that the Commissioners give a verbal commitment in support of the Emergency Management Program. Terry Ellingwood stated that the grants alone would far out weigh the costs of the office. The State will pay for one-half of the salaries.

Janet Shoaf stated that she thought it would be appropriate for one person to run the program. Greg Robison disagreed with her for the reason of the training sessions required, which would leave the county without someone in case of an emergency.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to continue with the Emergency Management Program with one person whose salary would be paid by the State. If the need for another additional employee would arise the Commissioners would address it at that time. Lowell Osborn seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

### **COMMISSIONER SALE**

Bill Peevler asked about the status of the Commissioner Sale for parcel #23-09-06-308-001.000-013 C Walker). The County Attorney stated that the county would be the property owner by the end of the day. He also advised that the county would have to have the property appraised and it would then be advertised for sale.

Lowell Osborn made a motion that the Commissioners request the property (23-09-06-308-001.000-013) be appraised by Walter Wilson and Greg Robison and the Commissioners take bids on the property at their June 2, 2008 meeting. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

### **JAIL/SHERIFF BASS**

Sheriff Bass handed out a draft letter from Commissioner J. David Donahue of the Department of Corrections. The Commissioners should be receiving their letter later in the week as per Bass. Sheriff Bass would like to know how the problems addressed in the letter were going to be resolved.

Janet Shoaf read a letter from the Council requesting that the Commissioners come up with a plan of action for the jail. Janet Shoaf suggested that they take care of the most important things immediately, those being the duct work and the ventilation system. She wants to do this not only for the health and safety of the employees and prisoners but to comply with the letter from the Department of Corrections. Janet Shoaf stated that she would like to move forward with the six (6) recommendations that the DOC mentioned in their letter.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to move forward with the recommendations of the Department of Corrections with a commitment to fix the jail. After discussion, Janet Shoaf withdrew her motion. Sheriff Bass stated that the DOC wanted the ductwork removed. Lowell Osborn stated that he thought there maybe other ways to remedy the ductwork and ventilation system problems. He suggested that they may be able to take the duct work down and use only an exhaust fan. He thought the existing fans would need to be bigger.

Sheriff Bass suggested that they talk with Joe Pash about alternate methods for the duct work. Sheriff Bass also received two additional bids to fix the roof. Terry Ellingwood asked that he bring them to the next meeting. Sheriff Bass suggested a joint meeting with the Council and Commissioners to address the problems and issues. Sheriff Bass has also furnished the Council with the proposals.

Commissioner Osborn would like to have a separate meeting with architects. The County Attorney advised that the Commissioners could inspect the jail but would have to discuss the findings and solutions in a public meeting.

Commissioner Ellingwood would like to have a copy of the report from RQAW. Sheriff Bass stated that the report could be obtained from Ron Howard.

The Commissioners decided to table the discussion until their May 19, 2008 meeting. They would like to have a joint meeting with the Council to go over the proposals and options.

Janet Shoaf would like for the County Attorney to draft a letter to Commissioner Donahue outlining their intentions of a joint meeting on May 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Walt Wilson stated that his department has replaced or repaired many culverts this year. They have also done a tremendous amount of patching. They are running about two weeks behind on the dust oil.

Walt is checking all the options for the replacement or repair of Bridge #104.

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

Denise Crowder of Old National Bank asked if the Commissioners were going to make a decision on the depository. Janet Shoaf stated that it would not be selected at this meeting. Denise stated she would be willing to answer any questions that the Board of Finance might have in regards to their proposal.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 19, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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