

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**JANUARY 5, 2009**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on January 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Terry Ellingwood and Walt Wilson.

The minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

**APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Janet Shoaf as President of the Commissioners for 2009. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Walt Wilson as Vice-President of the Commissioners for 2009. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Walt Wilson to appoint Terry Ellingwood as Secretary of the Commissioners for 2009. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Walt Wilson as President of the Drainage Board for 2009. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Janet Shoaf to appoint Virginia Scherer as the ambulance director for 2009. Vote: 2-1

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to retain the Wendell Haga as custodian and Norma Brown as assistant custodian for 2009  
Vote: 3-0

Terry Ellingwood would like to defer the appointment of County Attorney until after February so that the present attorney can continue with the current litigation with NJK Farms. A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Janet Shoaf to appoint Tom O'Connor as the County Attorney for 2009. Vote: 2-1

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Tye Auter as the Veteran Service Officer for 2009. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Janet Shoaf to appoint Terry Ellingwood to the LEPC Board for 2009. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf to appoint Terry Ellingwood to the Board of Finance. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Terry Ellingwood made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to appoint Walt Wilson to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission for 2009. Vote: 3-0

Janet Shoaf made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to appoint Walt Wilson to the Community Action Program Board for 2009. Vote: 3-0

It was decided among the Commissioners that the appointment for County Highway Supervisor be deferred so that they may advertise for resumes/applications. The ad should appear in the Fountain County Neighbor on February 12, 2009. Applications will be received until Friday, January 16, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office. There will be an executive session on January 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to review the applications.

## CLAIMS

Terry Ellingwood made a motion and was seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the Claims from 1-237 and the monthly claims. Vote: 3-0

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greg Robison handed out two estimates for a new telephone system for the Health Department. The department is paying approximately \$150.00 per month for the current number of lines. It would increase to approximately \$200.00 per month with the new system. A motion was made by Walt Wilson to go with Digital Communications, which was the lower bid to be paid from the monies from the grant. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Greg also discussed with the Commissioners the leaks in the roof, the windows and the lack of an awning. An invoice from Blackies Heating and Cooling was also discussed. Greg received a quote on a used awning in the amount of \$900.00. A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to go to the Council with the request of \$900.00 to purchase the awning. Vote: 3-0

Dr. Judith Monroe the commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health has asked that Greg sit on a board that will meet approximately five times a year. They will set up an agenda for programs on the local level.

## KONE ELEVATOR

Terry Ellingwood made a motion and was seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the proposal from Kone Elevator for the annual test of the wheel chair lift in the amount of \$350.00. Vote: 3-0

## PLAN COMMISISON

Janet Shoaf made a motion to appoint Terry Ellingwood to the Plan Commission Board. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Janet Shoaf will talk to Jim McKee in regards to the rotation of the plan commission members.

## AUDITOR

Walt Wilson made a motion to approve the purchase of a new server for the Fundware software for the Auditor/Treasurer's office and to update the current server to a domain server in the total amount of \$10,546.58. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

## AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer presented the Commissioner with a check for the collections for November and December 2008 in the total amount of \$98,650.22.

## ENCUMBRANCES

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the following encumbrances from the 2008 Budget. Vote: 3-0

### Auditor

Computer Maintenance	0101-0002-03-431.020	\$10,546.58
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### Prosecuting Attorney

State Witness Fees	0101-0009-01-412.240	\$105.00
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		\$54.60
Computer Supplies	0101-0009-02-421.080	\$78.14
Repairs & Maintenance	0101-0009-03-436.010	\$50.00
Dues & Subscriptions	0101-0009-03-439.020	\$100.00
Conference	0101-0009-03-439.430	\$400.00
		\$151.20
		\$40.00
Travel/Mileage	0101-0009-03-432.010	<u>\$92.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,070.94</b>
<b>Sanitary Landfill</b>		
Wells Hydro Study	0101-0026-03-431.300	\$1,384.95
<b>Ambulance</b>		
Medical Supplies	0101-0032-02-422.030	\$2,272.56
Equipment Repair	0101-0032-03-431.240	\$2,272.56
Monitors	0101-0032-04-445.010	\$27,473.00
<b>Park &amp; Recreation</b>		
Fuel	0101-0202-03722.450	\$457.80
<b>Title IV-D</b>		
Law on Disc	0101-0381-02-421.021	\$180.00
<b>Infraction</b>		
Transcripts	0132-0000-03-431.100	\$297.50
Law Enforcement Training	0132-0000-03-439.010	\$455.00
Travel	0132-0000-03-432.010	\$180.00
		\$32.00
		\$500.00
Project Pullover Mileage	0132-0000-03-432.020	\$2,972.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,436.90</b>
<b>Co Drug Free Community</b>		
Discretionary	1142-0000-03-431.040	\$1,650.00
		\$3,000.00
		\$500.00
		\$500.00
Treatment	1142-0000-03-431.040	<u>\$350.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6000.00</b>

COUNTY ATTORNEY/NJK FARMS

The Commissioners received a letter from Richard Holmes that stated he would be agreeable to serve as counsel and liaison between Fountain County and Kirk Horn in the continuing litigation with NJK Farms. Terry Ellingwood made a motion to go to the Council with the request for funds to retain Mr. Holmes until after February. Walt Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Jasper Fogleman asked if the Commissioners had moved forward in regards to the logging of lumber on the county cemeteries. The Commissioners would like to talk to the County Attorney before making a decision. Mr. Fogleman is concerned about the Mud Run cemetery as the water is washing away some graves but they cannot get to the graves until the trees are removed and a road is constructed.

All business was completed with the exception of the bids for the highway department which were to be opened at 10:00 a.m.; therefore the meeting was suspended until 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was resumed at 10:00 a.m.

**GORDON FOSTER/HILLSBORO TOWN BOARD**

Gordon Foster asked how the Fountain County Recycle would be affected by the State withdrawing grant money for the recycle programs. He was invited by the Commissioners to attend the meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the recycle center. Janet Shoaf stated that we were to receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a trailer but did not think that they would deny us the money as it was given in 2008.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY BIDS**

The Auditor opened the bids for the gravel and stone. Walt Wilson read and reviewed the bids with the other Commissioners. Walt Wilson made a motion to accept all bids for stone and gravel. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

The bids for culvert pipe and bridges were also opened. Terry Ellingwood stated that he would like to review all the bids. Walt Wilson made a motion to table the bids on the culvert pipe and bridges until the next meeting. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

No bids were received for fuel.

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

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