

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 16, 2009
6:30 P.M.

The Fountain County Commissioners met on March 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Terry Ellingwood and Walt Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Owens wanted to know the date the jail renovation started, which was March 2, 2009.

The minutes were approved as presented.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the claims from 1-122
Vote: 3-0

HEALTH INSURANCE

Pete Franzman and Brian McKinney updated the Commissioners on the loss ratio for 2008, which was 76%. The loss ratio for the first two months in 2009 is at 59%.

The Wellness Program was discussed and it was decided to have a wellness screening in April if the arrangements could be made.

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to amend the Summary Plan Description on the Wellness benefit from \$250.00 to \$300.00 effective April 1, 2009.
Vote: 3-0

AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer has contacted the University. They will do an income study for \$800.00 if requested before May 7, 2009. After discussion, the Commissioners decided to wait thirty (30) days to see if the stimulus package comes through.

Virginia also informed the Commissioners that an advanced class is available in Crawfordsville with Star Ambulance. She has 10 employees enrolled at \$400.00 each. The county will pay \$200.00 toward the cost of the class for each employee. Virginia does have this money in her budget.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Rusty Peevler stated he has been contacted by a contractor interested in moving Bridge #105.

Rusty also informed the Commissioners that he has applied for over \$4 million dollars on the stimulus package. The projects would have to be done by outside contractors. He also is interested in obtaining salt through the State at their bid price. The County would have to take delivery of the salt in July, which could result in a possible storage problem. He is looking into possible solutions.

Warren County has contacted Rusty about purchasing hot patch from us as they are preparing to purchase a hot patching machine but cannot afford the heated tank at this time.

Rusty informed the Commissioners that Duke Energy destroyed the blacktop at the Blackhawk Cemetery. Duke will be paying for the repair of the road.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Whitaker stated that the exercise on February 27th went very well. Also, there were 109 responders attending the exercise at Twin Lakes on the 28th. Joe will be going to Aniston Alabama next week to grade their exercise.

Joe handed out a proposed mitigation plan to the Commissioners for their review. Once the county adopts the plan each incorporated city or town will be asked to adopt one also.

Joe also handed out a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement. He will also start at the County level and then go to the cities and town.

NJK FARMS INC

Richard Holmes and Kirk Horn updated the Commissioners on the proposed settlement agreement with NJK Farms Inc. Kirk Horn stated that the agreement is a host agreement agreeing on a fee of \$3.00 per ton that can be charged by the Solid Waste Management District and the County if the landfill does in fact come to Fountain County. The fees to the County can be used as the Council deems necessary. The attorneys feel this agreement is good to stop the legal expenses incurred by the County, the defendants and possible damages granted by the Judge in the lawsuit.

Terry Ellingwood made a motion to accept the agreement with NJK Farms Inc. Walt Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-1 (JS)

JAIL

Dana Jeffries updated the Commissioners on the progress of the jail renovation. He also handed out a bid to replace the padded cell at the jail in the amount of \$21,672 plus \$3,131 to tear out existing padding in the facility. The county must also provide a dumpster.

Walt Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to accept the bid for the padded cell and to send it on the Council for their approval.

Vote: 2-1 (TE)

DUNLAP HR CONSULTING EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Dennis Dunlap reviewed the handbook again with the Commissioners, County Attorney and Auditor. He will draft a copy with the new additions and/or corrections for their review.

RIVERCREST GOLF CLUB PAT CROWDER

Pat Crowder asked if the County would be interested in taking over the road in front of the club house at the Rivercrest Golf Club. Walt Wilson went the process with Mr. Crowder. He will r return at the next meeting.

METHANE TESTING

Terry Ellingwood has been contacted by FCS Engineering in regards to testing the landfill for methane gas. The purpose is to determine if there is enough methane to capture. It would be of no cost or liability to the County.

Terry Ellingwood made a motion and was seconded by Walter Wilson to contact FCS Engineering giving them permission to test.

Vote: 3-0

COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION

Jasper Fogleman updated the Commissioners on the progress of the cemetery restoration at the County Farm. They have cleared a roadway back to the cemetery. They would like to be able to get heavy equipment back in this area so that the creek can be rerouted.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009 AT 8:30 A.M.

Attest:_____
