

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 20, 2009
6:30 P.M.

The Fountain County Commissioners met on April 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Terry Ellingwood and Walt Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioners heard from Gary Vollmer. He asked if anything could be disclosed from the executive session on April 16, 2009 regarding NJK Farms Inc.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2009. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the claims from 1-141. Vote: 3-0

COMMISSIONER'S SALE
NEWTOWN

Tom O'Connor, county attorney, stated that an error had been made in the publication for the sale and the bids would be open until 6:30 p.m. on April 21, 2009.

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to grant permission to the County Attorney and Auditor to finalize the sale of the Newtown property.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Rusty Peevler updated the Commissioners on the road at the Rivercrest Golf Club. He believes that we would be accepting a "nightmare" if the county maintained the road into the golf club. It is too narrow for buses and snow plows. Rivercrest would have to get the road up standard, which would include new culvert pipes and the road would have to be completely redone before accepting the road. It would be his recommendation that we do not take the road over until all problems are resolved.

Rusty also reported that Division Road has been completed. They have been patching some of the roads but the weather has not been cooperating.

AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer stated that the advanced life classes would begin on May 10, 2009. She is going to pay for the costs out of training and the student will reimburse the fund.

Virginia and Janet Shoaf are going to talk to the owners of the Badlands to see if something could be worked out in regards to the delinquent ambulance bills from patrons.

Walt Wilson reported that more money is available through the FHA. The county would have to hire an engineer and grant writer. He has a name of a firm that could do both for the county.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greg Robison questioned the Commissioners about the awning that was approved for the Health Department since they may be moving. He has put a hold on it until a decision can be made. Discussion was heard.

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to see if we could get out of the agreement to put up the awning if not we would move forward with it as planned. Vote: 3-0

HEALTH OFFICER

Walt Wilson made a motion to accept the appointment of Dr. Sean Sharma as the new health officer. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

COURTHOUSE DISASTER PLAN

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood to approve and sign the Courthouse Disaster Plan. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

**COUNCIL/RICHARD KLAGE
SURTAX/WHEEL TAX**

Richard Klage stated that he had received a letter from the BMV stating that our Ordinance may not be in compliance for the Surtax/Wheel tax. Discussion was heard in regards to the ordinance and if any changes should be made. It was decided that the County Attorney would review the Ordinance.

HEALTH INSURANCE MEETING

The Commissioners and Council received a letter of invitation regarding a meeting about Health Insurance from Parke County. A meeting for May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the EMA office in Rockville has been set. Janet Shoaf and Walt Wilson will attend.

MALINOWSKI CONSULTING

Charles Malinowski went over the indirect cost report for 2007 with the Commissioners. He thanked the Commissioners for giving him the opportunity to serve Fountain County.

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
DUNLAP HR CONSULTING**

Dennis Dunlap went over the handbooks with the Commissioners. Walt Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to accept all handbooks. The Auditor was directed to see if Community Corrections could pay for their own handbook because of the number of counties involved. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Janet Shoaf to make a change to handbook, stating that “time as an officeholder counts toward the total amount of service.” Vote: 2-1

Discussion was heard regarding the payment by the Ambulance department for holidays worked. If an EMT works anyone of the five major holidays they would be paid \$200.00 in addition to their salary. The Commissioners stated that this would have to be approved by the Council since it would be an amendment to the salary ordinance.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 4, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.

Attest: _____

