

## **FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 4, 2009**

**8:30 A.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners met on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Walt Wilson and Terry Ellingwood.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0

### **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the Claims 1-162 and the monthly claims.

Vote: 3-0

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Rusty Peevler stated that the County has received approval from IDEM to use the sand from the foundry as fill. He also reported new culvert pipes were installed on Mountain Road. Rusty stated that they are trying to patch the potholes between rains. He would like to rent another patching machine for \$3500.00 per month so they can get caught up.

He stated that Warren County is buying the hot patch from us and is working out good for both counties. Rusty would also like to buy a hot box so that the millings could be turned into asphalt.

Rusty reported that someone is pulling up the grates on Bridge #243 and throwing them down the hill. A plan is in place to prevent this from happening again.

Rusty has also check into a building that can be used as a salt barn. He has received an estimate in the amount of \$55,448.00 for a 65' x 96' building. It would also cost an additional \$8,000.00 for the foundation. If we can store salt on site we can purchase it through the State for \$85.00 per ton.

Stimulus money could be used for the Stone Bluff Road project. The County needs to hire an engineer in order to receive this money and it is on a first come first serve basis. Walt and Rusty have talked with Butler, Fairman and Seufert. They have given the county an estimate in the total amount of \$18,000.00 for the Stone Bluff Road project, which will be done in three sections in the amount of \$6,000.00 each. Walt stated that it is a gamble that we get the money but feels it is a gamble worth taking.

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Janet Shoaf to sign a three phase engineering contract with Bulter, Fairman & Seufert Inc. at a price of \$6,000.00 per each phase for a total of \$18,000.00.

Vote: 2-1

### **JAIL**

Sheriff Bass reported that the jail should be completed on May 18<sup>th</sup> as the contractors are two weeks ahead of schedule. They should be able to move the prisoners back on June 1, 2009.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Dani Snider stated that Community Corrections has received approval from the Department of Corrections for their grant. The Commissioners signed the paperwork.

She also reported that after many years they are finally going to receive more money from the DOC, which should double their present budget. Community Corrections is going to purchase on contingency of the grant the old Ben Franklin building in Veedersburg for expansion.

### **COUNTY EXTENSION**

Amanda Smith presented the Commissioners with a plan for \$1 million renovation project for the 4-H grounds. They plan on doing this through grants and private donations. They would like to move their offices from the Courthouse to the fair grounds and asked the Commissioners to continue with their present budget amount.

Amanda also would like for the Commissioners to consider an economic development initiative for Fountain County.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Greg Robison reported that there are no outbreaks of the H1N1 virus in our area. Dr. Sharma is on top of the epidemic. Conference calls are being conducted between the State and various departments.

Dr. Sharma and staff have looked at the buildings that are possibilities for the health department. Walt would like to meet again with Dr. Sharma before making a final decision.

Discussion was heard regarding the present health department building and Attica's beautification grant for the downtown area. Walt Wilson made a motion that we put the Health Department building up for auction immediately. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Joe Whitaker presented the Commissioners with paperwork for the final closeout of the 2008 CSEPP program.

Joe also reported that the Courthouse would have a tornado drill at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

He also stated that the mitigation plan is in its final phase and will have it at the next meeting.

### **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Walt Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to go to the Council with the request to raise the umbrella on our liability insurance to \$10 million for an approximate cost of \$8,000.00.

Vote: 3-0

### **PREPAID LEGAL/IDENTITY THEFT**

Kelly Hall and Adriana Rogers requested to permission to present their identity theft insurance to the employees. Walt Wilson made a motion and was seconded by Terry Ellingwood to allow Prepaid Legal Services to present their identity theft program to the employees.

Vote: 3-0

### **VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

Tye Auter resigned his position of Veteran Service office effective May 29, 2009. A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood to accept the resignation. Walt Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0

The Commissioners asked the Auditor to send a letter to the American Legion in Kingman, Veedersburg, Covington and Attica and also the Quigle/Palin unit and the VFW units to see if they can find a replacement.

**CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL REPORT**

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the Congressional School Report as presented by the Auditor. Vote: 3-0

**ADDITIONAL REQUEST/COMMISSIONERS**

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to go to the Council with the additional request of \$55,000 for Unemployment (0101-0068-01-413.070) in the 2009 Commissioner’s Budget. Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to go to the Council with the additional request of \$75,000.00 for Out of County Housing (0101-0068-03-430.420) in the 2009 Commissioner’s Budget. Vote: 3-0

**BRIDGE #5**

Walt Wilson discussed the replacement of Bridge #5. He feels like the only alternative we have left is to leave the old bridge and build a new structure next to it, which would be very costly or to leave it like it is with an 8 ton load limit.

Walt Wilson made a motion to drop the replacement of Bridge #5 and to negotiate the outstanding balance due with Bernard Lochmueller & Associates. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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