

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 3, 2009
8:30 A.M.

The Fountain County Commissioners met on August 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Janet Shoaf, Walt Wilson and Terry Ellingwood.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Owens wanted transparency in government. She was concerned about a conflict of interest with a Commissioner working for a vendor. Walt Wilson addressed the concern.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the claims 1-96 and the monthly claims. Vote: 3-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Commissioner's reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July

WARREN CO COMMISSIONER

Steve Eberle, Warren Co Commissioner presented the Commissioners and the Council with a handout regarding a multi-county economic development region. He introduced Bill Henderson the Economic Development Director in Montgomery County. They would like for Fountain County to be a part of the regional economic development. It would be \$500 a year for the website and an additional \$500 for the first year. The region would consist of Warren, Fountain, Montgomery, Benton, White, Carroll, Tippecanoe, & Pulaski County

Terry Ellingwood made a motion to go to the Council with an additional request of \$1,000.00 so that Fountain County may be a part of the regional economic development group. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

COUNTY EXTENSION

Amanda Smith requested an additional of \$726.50 to be put back into office supplies for printing the 4-H fair programs. A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to go to the Council for the additional request in the amount of \$726.50. Vote: 3-0

Discussion was heard in regards to making a part time position a full time position. This would free up time for Amanda to work more on the economic community development portion of her office. Janet Shoaf wanted to know what would happen after the first year when funding was not available. Amanda expects that the 4-H council will pick up the responsibility of a staff person to work on the 4-H part of her office. Terry Ellingwood would like regular reports on the progress.

Walt Wilson made a motion to go to the council with the request to use the \$15,366.84 to fund a full time position in the County Extension office. Terry Ellingwood seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

PROPOSED LANDFILL AGREEMENT

Walt Wilson stated that he was unhappy about the proposed landfill settlement agreement. He also stated that he had asked the Council not to accept the proposed

agreement at one of their meetings. He would like to take another vote. He would like to only accept the portion of the agreement on the tipping fee.

Terry Ellingwood stated that he would like to have a chance to talk with the Attorney before voting again.

Janet Shoaf stated that there would be an executive session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

(Commissioner Wilson left the meeting at this time due to a personal appointment)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Whitaker stated that he would be attending a meeting in Wabash, Indiana on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 in regards to the H1N1 virus. He asked the Commissioners to attend a Web EOC Training session on October 8 from 1-4 p.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greg Robison stated that Dr. Monroe has or would be contacting the Commissioners in regards to the H1N1 virus as it will be worse in the fall. The CDC is working on a plan. Greg also stated that more funding would be coming from the State to help in the preparations.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Rusty Peevler stated that he has had two firms to come out to look at the Covered Bridge at Rob Roy. Neither company has submitted a bid at this point. He also stated that two property owners do not want the bridge reopened. Rusty also stated that the concrete bridge on the same road has obtained some damage also.

Rusty informed the Commissioners that Zackmire Road would be opened after Wednesday and that the work on Vine School Road should be completed this week.

AMBULANCE

Virginia Scherer presented the Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$37,024.86 for the July collections. She stated that the EMT's have finished their class and are now in the testing phase.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Dani Snider stated that the agreement that the Commissioners signed for the additional grant money had to be corrected and resigned.

Terry Ellingwood made a motion and was seconded by Janet Shoaf to sign the revised agreement.

Vote: 2-0

COVINGTON CIRCLE TRAIL

Ernie Johannes stated that a temporary easement would need to be executed for the Covington Circle Trail. An easement was prepared by the County Attorney.

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Janet Shoaf to execute the Temporary Easement for the Covington Circle Trail.

Vote: 2-0

BIDS/OLD OFFICE SUPPLIES

The Auditor stated that she had received a bid from an employee to purchase an old refrigerator out of the prosecutor's office in the amount of \$15.00. A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Janet Shoaf to allow the purchase of the refrigerator in the amount of \$15.00

Vote: 2-0

The Auditor also received a bid from the Warren Agency to purchase a computer keyboard in the amount of \$10.00. A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Janet Shoaf to allow the purchase of the computer keyboard in the amount of \$10.00

Vote: 2-0

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009
AT 4:00 P.M.**

Attest: _____
