

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**  
**8:30 A.M.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Owens stated that she was confused because Rusty said that the railroad would be done for nothing and there are two bills for it. Also wants to know what State Board of Accounts said about the conflict of interest letter Walt signed.

Sheriff Bass notified the commissioners that State Board of Accounts did not have a problem with the deputies using the Sheriff vehicles for personal use.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Walt Wilson and seconded by Terry Ellingwood to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 meeting, with the exception under "Police Vehicles". The sentence, "Janet Shoaf stated that she agreed." was stricken from the minutes.

Vote: 3-0

**CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the claims #1-207.

Vote: 3-0

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Commissioners reviewed the Health Department Report for July

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Bass informed the Commissioners that he does not agree with limiting the use of the Sheriff vehicles for the deputies. The deputies have stated that they will not come in to work on their days off unless they are compensated. Terry Ellingwood does not mind if the cars are used for personal use in the county but not out of county. Sheriff Bass also informed the Commissioners that if the deputies use the cars for personal use outside the county that they use their own gas in the car. Walt Wilson wants to wait on the policy that Terry Ellingwood had Tom O'Connor create.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Rusty Peevler notified the Commissioners that the Health Department signs are up. In addition, he heard from INDOT that the county would be receiving stimulus money for the State Road 341 project. It is estimated to be \$460,000.00 to turn the Stonebluff blacktop (between 341 to 41) into a legal roadway. This stimulus money pays just a certain amount of dollars; does not pay for painting, stripping and signing.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Joe Whitaker received two estimates on the maintenance for the server. One price came in at \$2,737.20. The other plan that is similar but would take a couple of days to get the parts was \$2,223.96.

Walt Wilson made a motion to approve the plan in the amount of \$2,223.96. The motion was seconded by Terry Ellingwood.

Vote: 3-0

Joe Whitaker requested that one of the Commissioners be on the Grant committee board for the outdoor warning sirens. Terry Ellingwood volunteered to be on this board to keep the other Commissioners up to date.

## **TREASURER**

Susan Coffing requested that the Commissioners renew the contract for the certified IT Credit Card contract. Walt Wilson made a motion to renew the contract and seconded by Terry Ellingwood. Vote: 3-0

## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

Janet scheduled a meeting to meet with Susan Coffing about the Board of Finance on September 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. Janet Shoaf asked Tom O'Connor if he would be able to find out who is actually on a County Board of Finance and report back to them by this scheduled meeting.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Health Department has moved into their new building and is open today for business. Greg Robison would like to know if they could pay their rent with the leftover funds in the utility line item. Janet Shoaf suggests that Greg request a transfer of funds after all outstanding utility bills have been paid. The Commissioners discussed whether the lights, water and gas should be shut off; they will decide this after Tom discusses the bids on the Health building. Greg informs the Commissioners that the Fountain and Warren County EMA Departments are interested in the shelving and storage units that are left in the Health building. The Commissioners are OK with letting them have them. Any furnishing remaining should go to the sale the Highway Department will be having.

## **COUNTY EXTENSION**

Amanda Smith notified the Commissioners that they will be receiving an invitation to the Economic Development presentation when the date has been set.

## **DAMAGED PROPERTY FENCE**

Marian Bratcher stated that on August 17, 2009 the Fountain County Highway department completely tore up her barbwire fence on Shawnee Lane with a mower. She brought in pictures for the Commissioners to see the extent of the damage. She said she talked to Walt on August 20, 2009 and he said that it would be fixed. Marian received an estimate for 21 metal posts, 10 wooden posts and 1 roll of barbwire fence. Walt and Rusty will go to the property to make a decision.

## **TIGER GRANT**

Walt Wilson notified the other Commissioners that he is working on a Tiger Grant (federal). He will be receiving estimates on three small bridges that need to be replaced.

## **HEALTH BUILDING OFFER**

Tom O'Connor states that Jed Bell and Kevin Minick have made an offer on the Health building for \$5,000.00. Terry Ellingwood made a motion to accept the bid and Walt Wilson seconded. Vote: 3-0

The Hall Health building lease contract is circulating. Greg Robison is going to talk to Jed Bell and Kevin Minick about taking over the utilities.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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