

FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 1, 2010

8:30 A.M.

The Fountain County Commissioners met on March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Walt Wilson, Janet Shoaf and Terry Ellingwood.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Bob Abernathy addressed the Commissioners about the condition of the roads especially those south of SR 32. He wanted to know why the roads in the northern part of the county were in better condition than the ones in the southern part. He also stated that he saw considerable waste in the department. The Commissioners stated they would review the situation and talk with the Highway superintendent.

Carol Owens wanted to know if there was anything to report on the expansion of the jail as it has been six months. Walt Wilson reported that he has not heard anything and realizes that it has been awhile.

Terry Ellingwood wanted to address the problem of the roads with Rusty. Walt and Janet thought it would be better to talk with Rusty individually after the meeting.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf and seconded by Walt Wilson to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting. Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood and seconded by Janet Shoaf to approve the Claims 1- 194 and the monthly claims Vote: 3-0

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Terry Ellingwood made a motion to accept the bid from Clark Dietz for the bridge inspection. Janet Shoaf asked to see the rating as per the LPA study. Rusty recommended that they use Beam, Longest & Neff or Butler, Fairman and Seufert based on the study. Terry stated that it would be more economical to go with Clark Dietz due to the one page summary and their software. Rusty stated that he did not know if a one page summary offered by Clark Dietz would be acceptable. Walt Wilson stated that Butler, Fairman and Seufert and Beam, Longest & Neff were better on the facture critical. The motion died due to a lack of second.

Janet Shoaf made a motion to go with Butler, Fairman and Seufert as they did have the highest rating. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 2-1

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Rusty Peevler reported that Covered Bridge Road is open. He also stated that he has asked Tom O'Connor to address a mailbox ordinance. He also stated that he will be meeting with the three area schools this week. They will address safety and go over the levels of emergency during a storm.

Rusty also stated that he has received bids on new equipment. He would like to go over them in detail with the Commissioners in an executive session. The County Attorney advised that this did not qualify for an executive session.

The Commissioners will meet at 6:00 on March 15, 2010 to review the bids.

Rusty also stated that he would compile the figures as to how much money was spent due to the recent snowstorms.

ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Janet Shoaf to go to the Council with the request from the Assessor for an additional in the amount of \$20,000.00 for computer software and licensing. Walt Wilson seconded the motion. Vote: 2-1

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Jasper Fogelman asked the Commissioners if they reviewed the Adopt of Cemetery Project Agreement and if they had any questions. The County Attorney had also reviewed the agreement.

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood to accept the agreement. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Jasper indicated that when the County Maps were redone he would like to see all of the cemeteries on it and he would like for them to have an E-911 address.

POSTAGE MACHINE

Terry Ellingwood made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine, Automatic Weigh-on-the Way, Model #DM475, for \$269 per month for 60 months. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

BIDS

County Attorney, Tom O’Connor, opened the fuel bids. Bids were received from Petroleum Traders and Ceres Solution. Ceres Solutions bid came in lower on all types of fuel. Terry Ellingwood made a motion to accept both bids. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

NJK FARMS LAWSUIT

Tom O’Connor gave an update on the lawsuit with NJK Farms Inc. The suit in regards to the settlement agreement was dismissed. The judge stated that the Court did not jurisdiction in the matter. The lawsuit that NJK Farms has against IDEM should be settled first.

Terry Ellingwood asked if the County could be reimbursed for the expenses incurred. Mr. O’Connor stated that he did not think so but would check into the matter further.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Terry Ellingwood to accept the contract between Kathy Walker and the Fountain/Warren Health Department to conduct cessation classes. It will be sent onto the Council for approval. Janet Shoaf seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0

Greg Robison reported that the State is changing the septic laws. We will have to update our Ordinance accordingly. The State will also be changing the laws on the food handling ordinance to include Bed and Breakfasts.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 15, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.

Attest: _____

