

## RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 4, 2007

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville Courthouse with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner. The Western District Commissioner seat remains vacant.

**9:05 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. In the absence of the clerk, Com. Carter recorded the minutes of the meeting. Com. Carter moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Com. Galaske; motion carried (2-0). Commissioners read and handled correspondence. Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty stopped by. Budget information was received from County Clerk Jim Sears.

Brad Larson from the Mark Twain Regional Development Corporation requested that the Commission appoint two representatives to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the coming year. They will be J. W. Ballinger (who has agreed to serve another year) and Com. Carter. She will contact Mark Fuqua with this information.

A request was received from Jim Myles by e-mail via Clerk Jim Sears requesting a signed copy of the nuisance ordinance and that it be faxed to him. Also received from Mr. Myles was a communication on his behalf from Attorney Jackie Barrow, a letter, identical to the fax dated December 28, 2007.

Com. Galaske signed the official minutes of December 26, 2006.

**9:35 a.m.**, Commissioners called Commerce Bank to introduce themselves to the new contact there; a message was left.

**9:45 a.m.**, Paul Campo called, returning Com. Galaske's call about selling the old County nursing home. He says the property may be encumbered and he will contact the bond attorney to clarify this.

**9:47 a.m.**, Terry Kestner, a real estate appraiser from Macomb, Illinois, stopped in with questions about the nuisance ordinance.

**9:50 a.m.**, the meeting was recessed to attend the ribbon cutting at MACC of the McCormick Commons and Residential Center.

**10:40 a.m.**, the meeting reconvened. Deputy Clerk Nancy Copenhaver was present to take minutes. Com. Carter moved to approve the list of County holidays for 2007, Com. Galaske seconded; motion carried (2-0). The list was given to the clerk to type and distribute. Com. Galaske called Lucas Horton at Commerce Bank again.

**10:45 a.m.**, several members of the Randolph County Extension Council came to discuss the budget for 2007. Present were Tom Fuhrman, Tony DeLong, Soneeta Grogan, Vickie Troyer, and Willa Jean Richards. Mr. Fuhrman presented the 2006 Annual Report from Randolph County, University of Missouri Extension. He explained the help being received from specialists in surrounding counties that costs the County nothing. A new program being proposed is a re-entry program for offenders at the prison, working with them near the time of release. Building strong families is a primary purpose of Extension. They are proposing an annual budget of \$41,000 for 2007, with 4-H being one of the biggest needs. This program is one of the premier youth leadership development programs in the nation. Randolph County is hoping to hire a one-half time Youth Program Assistant, having received a grant from the Charles Fleming Foundation to help fund it. Mr. Fuhrman is requesting one-third of the cost from the Commission (about \$3500). This plan is important to stop the "brain drain" of youth leaving the County after graduation. Mr. Fuhrman also noted that Randolph is one of only two counties chosen to pilot a program from MU called "Connecting for Baby" which will target ten young couples, encouraging them to stay together to best parent their child. He also noted environmental programs such as soil and water, reducing chemical run-off, and working in schools as well. Last year Extension received \$13,000 from the County. The Commission has one seat on the Extension Council and Com. Galaske volunteered to serve for 2007.

**11:10 a.m.**, Ed Miller, active with this group as well, joined the meeting.

**11:20 a.m.**, a public hearing was held to vacate County Road 1745. Com. Carter read the petition to vacate; the required property owners properly signed it and all criteria have been met to follow the procedure. There was no public discussion. The petition was set aside for a second reading, no less than 30 days from today, with the date set as February 15, 2007, for the second reading.

**11:25 a.m.**, Sheila Winter came in.

**11:26 a.m.**, Lucas Horton from Commerce Bank called back and was placed on speakerphone. Commissioners discussed with him the April bond payment for the Justice Center and the waterfall account. Com. Galaske figures the County needs to transfer \$70,000, leaving another \$70,000 to requisition.

**11:30 a.m.**, Commissioners discussed the County Trustee position with Mrs. Winter who is with Guaranty Title, part of Land Choice. Two things usually involved in this position are selling county property and mineral rights; the purchaser pays the fees. Specific reasons for a county trustee are outlined in RSMo 80.610 and 79.510. Mrs. Winter noted that her company is bonded, has insurance, can provide a certificate, and they are licensed in Randolph County.

**11:45 a.m.**, Assessor Richard Tregnago came in with a letter to the Commission about mileage allowance. They discussed attending the Ethics Seminar in Jefferson City on January 9 (so there will be no Commission meeting that day).

Com. Galaske reported that he had spoken with an Audrain County Commissioner, Tom Groves, concerning trading maintenance on a few "border" roads. Commissioners will ask Bill Dougherty to consult with his Audrain counterpart to determine how this is to be done.

12:05 p.m., the Commission recessed for lunch.

1:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened. Terry Goessling from Town and Country came before the Commission to discuss the position of County Trustee. Com. Carter moved and Com. Galaske seconded to appoint Mr. Goessling as County Trustee for 2007; motion carried (2-0). Com. Carter signed a document certifying the action.

1:25 p.m., Lucas Horton from Commerce Bank called back with further information concerning the transfer of funds for the bond payment on the Justice Center, noting that the reserve fund is fully funded.

1:30 p.m., County Clerk Jim Sears came in to discuss the budget for his office. It reflects a 3% raise in salary for employees. The Commission has the authority to give elected officials a cost of living raise. It was noted that about \$1.4 million of the \$2.5 million County general revenue budget is salaries. Mr. Sears noted that new plat books are needed. Com. Galaske gave Mr. Sears the Public Defenders' request for office space and utilities. According to Mr. Sears, for every \$1.00 raise, 10% must be added to cover fringe benefits.

1:55 p.m., Assessor Richard Tregnago came in to discuss Mervin Miller's request to re-establish a County Road. Joan Joseph, 911 Coordinator and Rick Howard, Maintenance Supervisor, were also present. Mrs. Joseph reported a communication from Marceline Mapping wanting to know if the County wants a road location guide in addition to the plat books. The Commission is not interested in these.

Mr. Howard reported on the electrical outlets and suppressor at the Justice Center. He had called Howerton Electric with no result. Com. Galaske called them and spoke to Doug Howerton, getting little interest. Mr. Howard will now call ABC Electric to get their proposal. Wednesday, January 10 at 10 a.m. was set for Mr. Howard to discuss the maintenance budget request for 2007.

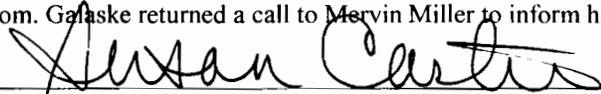
2:50 p.m., Com. Carter called Les Singleton from Advanced Correctional Healthcare about bidding out the contract for providing pharmaceuticals for the Justice Center. He will get the ball rolling and send information.

After reviewing the policy for vacating roads, it was determined that no further notice was necessary before the second reading of the vacating of the county road.

3:20 p.m., Com. Carter moved and Com Galaske seconded the approval of the minutes of January 2, 2007; motion carried (2-0).

3:35 p.m., Com. Galaske moved and Com. Carter seconded the meeting be adjourned; motion carried (2-0).

Com. Galaske returned a call to Mervin Miller to inform him about the road request.

  
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