

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 11, 2007

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

9:10 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Galaske moved and Com. Carter seconded approval of the agenda with one change (Shiela Miller coming in early due to family emergency); motion carried (2-0). Commissioners signed and mailed the letter requested regarding CR 2696. Commissioners signed the official minutes of January 2 and January 4, 2007.

Ross McKinstry, RC Health Department, called; he will be coming at 10:30 on Tuesday. Bill Dougherty dropped by with a revised estimate for possible purchase of a '97 Case MX110 for the 2007 budget.

There were no court orders or invoices to approve (being January, the latter must wait until the budget is complete). The Commission received approval for the County to be eligible to use the Surplus Property Program. 9:20 a.m., Collector Shiela Miller came in to discuss her office budget. She brought a request from Joshua Huwar who wants a private road turned into a county road. She discussed with Commissioners that her bond, notary, and publication costs are up. Com. Galaske explained how salaries would be entered into the preliminary budget figures. Receipt envelopes will need to be purchased. She noted that computers and printers come out of her Tax Maintenance Fund, a special account funded by a 2% fee added to all delinquent taxes.

Commissioners received a phone call from Randall Kollmeyer from Streck Construction of Pilot Grove, wishing to be considered for any possible bridge building contracts.

10:10 a.m., Presiding Circuit Judge Scott Hayes came in to discuss the 2007 budget. Scheduling problems prevented Chief Juvenile Officer Tena Houston from joining him. There was some discussion of moving the Juvenile Office. It was decided to conduct a tour of facilities on January 16, meeting at the Juvenile Office at 9:45, proceeding to the Moberly Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., and the Randolph County Health Department at 10:30. Ross McKinstry, Judge Hayes, Tena Houston will join with the Commission in the tour (thus changing Mr. McKinstry's earlier appointment).

In continued discussion of the Court's budget, Judge Hayes noted that the Circuit Clerk's office pays for itself. However, it is also losing one employee due to Peggy Boots moving into the Circuit Clerk's position upon the retirement of Norma Prange; Mrs. Boots' position will not be funded for replacement due to a hiring freeze. If replaced, the County will have to pick up the cost. Clerk Boots would like for the part-time employees to be moved to nearly full-time.

Judge Hayes noted two concerns expressed to Tena Houston. One was the cost of the juvenile attorney (\$67,000) who is from Columbia, working part-time; the Judge thinks that amount can be reduced. Additionally, some counties have county guardians ad litem, which might reduce costs. He indicated we can expect crime to rise and expect juvenile cases to rise, and that there is currently no assistant prosecuting attorney. Judge Hayes said he would monitor the CASA program and the guardian ad litem costs in 2007.

11:30 a.m., Sheriff Mark Nichols came in to discuss his budget. He wants to put overtime into the budget this year, since he is "bare bones" on jail staff, with a ratio of 25-28 to 1 due to the higher census. He tries to keep three jailers per shift. He and Jail Supervisor Steve Holman talked about adding two jail staff, but decided that adding an overtime amount of \$33,000 would be equivalent to the salary and benefits of one jailer and could be more effective by providing incentive for overtime for current jailers. Sheriff Nichols will come back on January 16 at 1:30 p.m. with additional information.

11:55 a.m., the Commission recessed for lunch.

1:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened. Recorder Mark Price came in with his budget requests. He projects costs and income pretty close to 2006, with some increase in phone and postage.

Commissioners continued working on the budget.

2:30 p.m., Com. Carter moved to approve the minutes of January 10 and Com. Galaske seconded; motion carried (2-0).

2:35 p.m., Desiree Wilhite stopped by the meeting to report that CR 2205 is in bad shape.

Joan Joseph came by to inform the Commission of the quarterly meeting on January 18 at 2:00 p.m. of Joint Communications. It consists of 911 personnel, the police chief, ambulance service, sheriff's department and will be held in the City of Moberly Police Department Courtroom and include a tour of the backup PSAP (Public Service Answering Point).

2:50 p.m., Assessor Richard Tregnago came in. He doesn't need any money from General Revenue this year, would like a 2 1/2% across the board increase in salaries. He will bring in firm figures at 10:00 a.m. on January 19.

County Clerk Jim Sears brought in a notice from the Governor's office that Randy Asbury has been appointed as the new Western District Commissioner. Com. Carter immediately called him to congratulate him and welcome him aboard and Com. Galaske joined her in adding his welcome. He will be sworn in around 11:30 a.m. on January 12.

3:00 p.m., Com. Carter moved and Com. Galaske seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried (2-0). Mike Lear from KWIX arrived for the weekly press conference.



Presiding Commissioner



Eastern Commissioner

Vacant

Western Commissioner



Clerk

Approved