

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 17, 2007

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

9:20 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order.

Four residents of southeastern Randolph County joined the meeting (Alan McCune, Shari Barnes, Rodney Boots, Jim Wilson). They are spearheading a proposed change in the Southeastern Randolph Fire District, which is currently fee based. They plan to put an issue on the June ballot to go to a tax-based (property tax) district to better serve the area and create a budget that will sustain operations. The district will probably have to fold otherwise, as not enough participants are paying the annual fee to cover the costs of maintaining the service. Since Presiding Commissioner Carter is the EMO (Emergency Management Officer) of the County, they wished to keep her (and the Commission) apprised of their intentions. Responding to a question, Mrs. Barnes estimated the cost of the election to be around \$1500 per precinct. Commissioners thanked these citizens for their efforts and for informing the Commission.

9:30 a.m., Com. Galaske moved and Com. Asbury seconded the approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Com. Galaske reported on a call from Darin Barfield, Mayor of Renick, concerning a problem with a manhole in the city supposedly caused by road crews. Com. Galaske suggested that all three visit Renick to see the situation, possibly on January 25.

Sheriff Nichols called concerning an oversight in his proposed budget; he will drop by information about a request for fire extinguishers later today. Collector Shiela Miller came in with a report of a gas smell and knocking noises in the heating system, and Commissioners checked it out. Com. Carter made several calls to get someone to look at the situation. Commissioners read and handled correspondence, noting receipt of an invitation to the YMCA annual meeting; however, all have a previous commitment.

10:00 a.m., Com. Asbury moved and Com. Galaske seconded the approval of the minutes of January 16; motion carried (3-0). Earlier minutes for January 11, already approved, had a clarification/correction added. Com. Carter called Prosecuting Attorney to thank him for sending budget estimates and noting that the budget for the PA grant employee (Crime Victims Advocate) was not included.

10:05 a.m., Assessor Richard Tregnago came in to discuss his budget proposal. Com. Galaske explained that the Assessor's budget all comes out of special funds, thus does not affect General Revenue. Mr. Tregnago explained Proposition C and his revenue stream. He explained the items on the expenditure side of his budget request for the two newer members of the Commission. Mr. Tregnago also gave the Commission a written request to add some employee benefits for several permanent but part-time employees. He noted that his office has certain "busier" times when experienced, trained, part-time staff members are critical to keep his office running efficiently. Providing these employees with some benefits would be an incentive to keep these valuable employees.

Commissioners continued working on the budget.

12:00 p.m., the meeting was recessed for lunch.

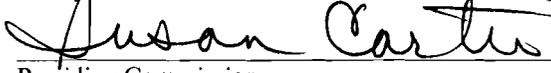
1:07 p.m., the Commission reconvened its budget session. Deputy Clerk Copenhaver was unavailable for the afternoon and Com. Carter recorded the minutes.

A workman from AmerenUE came in to report that he had checked on the boiler for a gas odor. He tightened a loose pipe near the rear back door and believes that was the source. He also mentioned that drains in the basement should be flushed occasionally. There was also a complaint that the boiler was making sporadic knocking noises and Co. Carter made a call to Solomon Boiler Works to check it out.

1:50 p.m., County Clerk Jim Sears joined the continuing budget session.

2:45 p.m., Com. Carter called Darryl Rasmussen to request a copy of the LEPC 2007 projected budget. He will bring it in on January 19.

2:45 p.m., Com. Galaske moved and Com. Asbury seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion carried (3-0).



Presiding Commissioner



Eastern Commissioner



Western Commissioner



Clerk

Approved