

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
March 1, 2007

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville Courthouse with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner, and Nancy Copenhaver, Deputy Clerk. Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner was absent from the morning part of the meeting due to a schedule conflict.

9:30 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (2-0).

Everett Pilkington came in to express his opposition to a nuisance ordinance. He will try to come back for a longer meeting with the full Commission at a later date.

Janice Geyer called concerning CR 2230/2220 and made an appointment to come in and discuss the issue. Doug Sharp had called Com. Carter earlier about the same intersection, which has been torn up by trucks and has exposed culverts. The issues were referred to Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

Mark Fuqua, Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MTRCG), came before the Commission to update members on developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). This is a program developed by FEMA but administered through SEMA. Mr. Fuqua stated that all counties need a FEMA-approved HMP. Development of such a plan costs about \$20,000, with \$5,000 to be paid by the County. Of that amount, \$2,500 is generally paid in cash funds and the remaining \$2,500 through in-kind contributions in the form of human resources. The cash portion can be shared by participating communities in the County, as each community would likely have a section in the Plan devoted to their specific needs. The \$2,500 in-kind cost can be covered by involving a group of volunteers (not elected officials) to help with guidelines for the Plan, allowing for \$19.72 labor cost per hour to reach the total.

Mr. Fuqua indicated that a County must have such a plan on file to be eligible for disaster funding. Nancy Talley from Palmyra has done a number of these plans on a contractual basis for MTRCG and could be used to help develop one for Randolph County. Mr. Fuqua thinks such a plan could be completed by August, 2008. Mr. Fuqua stated that he and Ms. Talley could pull the communities together and start the process when so instructed. He will send information about the make-up of the committee.

In additional discussion, Com. Carter asked Mr. Fuqua if MTRCG could assist with the replacement of the wooden bridge over the railroad near Higbee. He said that the township would need to meet the qualification of being 51% or more of low/moderate income in order to apply to the Community Development Block Program. He will do some investigating and report back.

10:30 a.m., a call was received from Ernie Briscoe concerning trash and "eyesores" on CR 1315. He was asked to come in to visit with the Commission at his convenience. Com. Carter reported that Com. Galaske had set up a tour of the Associated Electric Power Plant on March 6 from 11:30 to 1:00, including lunch.

Chief Deputy Nevin Turner dropped by to get a signature for a grant application form. This is for \$2,500 for an Automated Fingerprint Identification System. General Revenue won't have to cover the matching expense, as the monies would be allocated to the Sheriff's Fund or other non-general revenue fund..

11:00 a.m., Rick Howard, Maintenance, arrived for his weekly Commission update. A question about his time sheet was clarified. The sewer smell in the Huntsville Courthouse was discussed. Mr. Howard noted it was probably due to the large amount of snow and rain and pipes are too backed up to drain properly. He will check it out and call a plumber, if needed. Mr. Howard reported that the training of Charlie Gillispie to act as a substitute maintenance person when needed was progressing well.

11:35 a.m., Denny Johnson arrived for his requested meeting with the Commission. He is developing some of his farmland along Highway 3, having built three lakes and divided the land into plats for sale. Mr. Johnson feels the property is incorrectly assessed as a subdivision, increasing the taxes substantially. He paid the 2006 taxes without appeal but wishes the former classification of farmland to be reinstated for 2007. Currently the land is in CRP but he plans to farm it again when that expires next year. He will do some investigating, as will the Commissioners. Mr. Johnson will return on March 13 at 11:00 a.m. for further discussions. Assessor Richard Tregnago will be invited to that meeting as well.

12:30 p.m., Com. Galaske arrived at the meeting. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the February Income Statement for General Revenue. They had questions concerning whether repairs on the Huntsville Courthouse should be allocated to the emergency fund. After investigating, they determined that the part of the amount in question was for boiler repairs and should be reallocated to the Emergency Fund. County Clerk Jim Sears was instructed to make the change.

1:05 p.m., Commissioners signed letters to James Walker (CR 2210) and Dan Eitel (CR 2615) requesting immediate installation of culverts in the driveways of the roads in question. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded, approval of the minutes of February 27 as corrected; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners discussed having all of the County elected officials and department heads meet with the Commission for a quarterly budget review.

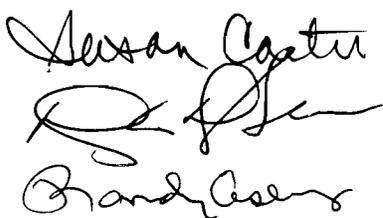
Com. Asbury composed an e-mail to notify all County officials and department heads of the change in mileage reimbursement. There will be no Commission meeting in the Huntsville Courthouse on March 22, as the Commissioners will be attending the Northeast Commissioners' Association meeting in Hannibal that day.

2:15 p.m., Com. Carter called Tom Kremer from the Missouri Auditor's office to inquire about the need for and possible financial help with an audit in 2007 for the Randolph County Health Department (RCHD) that would not be completed by the State. Com. Asbury asked whether the RCHD and the County are considered as one entity. Mr. Kremer cited a 1975 opinion from George Lehr setting the precedent that they are. However, Mr. Kremer noted that several counties have contacted the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the Federal government and asked to be treated as separate political subdivisions. He suggested that the Commission contact OMB for further information.

2:25 p.m., Ernie Briscoe brought in pictures of junk on CR 1315 going to Sugar Creek and asked for help in getting it cleaned up. Because the junk is located within a certain distance from a county road, he was instructed to go to the Sheriff's office and fill out a report, which will then be sent to the Prosecuting Attorney. Com. Galaske will follow up with the Sheriff and the Prosecuting Attorney as well.

Com. Asbury called OMB and left a message.

2:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned for the weekly press conference with Mike Lear from KWIX.



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