

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 15, 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.

9:10 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Asbury moved and Com. Galaske seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners discussed upcoming meetings and items needed on future agendas.

Com. Galaske explained how NECAC works and how they handle Section 8 Housing, noting that he will need to go off that board because he will become a landlord of Section 8 tenants. There will be a NECAC meeting in conjunction with the Northeast Commissioners' meeting in Hannibal on March 22.

9:30 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of March 13 with corrections; motion carried (3-0). Correspondence was received from Debbie Vaughn concerning medical bills incurred by her incarcerated son. Com. Galaske will reply to her that the County is not responsible for such bills.

9:40 a.m., a "Contract for work done for Jacksonville" was signed by the Commissioners, consisting of grader work for 6 hours at \$40 per hour. Com. Carter found a copy of the bill previously sent to Prather's, which remains unpaid and will write a letter asking for payment. Com. Asbury and Com. Galaske discussed options/information received concerning moving the computer server for a possible Juvenile Office move. Information remains incomplete to make an informed decision at this point.

10:00 a.m., Cliff Miller, Jerry Jeffrey, and Ted Sander with the Moberly Special Road District arrived for their appointment. Their purpose in coming was to meet the two new Commissioners and explain its function.

Mr. Sander explained that the Moberly Special Road District covers an area approximately 8 miles from north to south, east to west, around the city of Moberly. They maintain about 107 miles of road. Their only source of revenue is the property tax collected within that area and the city of Moberly. The Commission sets the basic tax rate each year for the Special Road District, set at the same rate as the County rate. A special levy voted in the 1960's, and renewed every four years since, is about \$.09, adjusted by the state annually. Randolph County had a similar special levy that failed to win renewal by the voters in 2004. The County is allowed by state law to keep 20% of the property tax collected in the Special Road District, which amounted to about \$56,000 in 2006. The District gets no gas tax revenue, BRO funds, nor any state or federal funds. State law also says they are not required to spend more than \$50 on any bridge, but they may do so if they wish. It is the Special Road District's desire that the County should fund their bridge needs out of the 20% withheld. The County can help build a bridge but does not have to. The 20% withheld goes into the County Road and Bridge Fund.

10:10 a.m., visitor Bob Bauer came in to observe.

Mr. Sander noted that the District has requested how taxes are figured and can't seem to get an answer. Com. Carter asked Assessor Shiela Miller and Treasurer Becky Brown to come in and answer questions, which they did. Mrs. Miller explained that she takes the values sent to her by the Assessor and combines it with the District's levy to get the amount; this is paid monthly to the Treasurer. Mrs. Brown explained how transfers are made and indicated that she could send a report to the District with their twice-yearly check, which could keep them informed. Com. Carter asked if the District was eligible for grants and Mr. Sander replied he did not think so. The District has around 24 bridges.

Mr. Sander reiterated the request made last year for assistance in replacing a bridge northwest of Moberly on Sugar Creek. It is a 24 foot span, about 16 feet wide, with crumbling head walls, and scoured beneath. Mr. Sander indicated a traffic count on the road of about 300 per day. The cost would be around \$40,000-45,000 according to Ron Watts with MoDOT. Com. Asbury asked what funds the District had available and Mr. Sander indicated he would check. All agreed it had been about seven years since a bridge had been built, the last one in 1999.

Com. Carter asked for a prioritized "wish list." Mr. Sander replied with (1) Sugar Creek (2) the Ditch Witch road, and Sinnock Avenue east. He noted that they are doing some temporary repairs on the Ditch Witch road, putting in riprap and replacing some guardrails. He also indicated a need for help disposing of waste tires.

11:00 a.m., Rick Howard, Maintenance, came in for his weekly report. He reported that he had replaced seals and sealed up areas under stools in the Huntsville Courthouse and the sewer odor seems to be gone. He has not heard from Prosoco concerning the masonry leaks at the Justice Center. He suggested to the Commission that a back-up compressor or two be purchased to have on hand for summer cooling needs. This would alleviate the worry of being without air conditioning for several days in case of failure. The common areas use one size compressor; the other size covers two pods of cells. The air conditioning in the Moberly Courthouse also needs to be recharged and he received permission to seek costs. Mr. Howard also suggested better lighting around the trash area and loading dock. Commissioners will call AmerenUE to check on a dusk to dawn light. Mr. Howard also noted that something needs to be done about the voltage pulled by the big pump, perhaps wiring it up to a separate breaker. He has talked to Charlie Self about that. In his opinion, a better solution would be to have two large pumps.

Com. Galaske called Wade Horn concerning no response from Prosoco. Mr. Horn indicated he will keep calling until he gets an answer.

11:45 a.m., meeting recessed so Com. Carter and Com. Galaske could attend a pandemic meeting at the Randolph County Health Department and a site survey.

1:30 p.m., All three Commissioners joined Bill Dougherty on a site survey to inspect CR 1920 for a later decision on road maintenance.

3:20 p.m., the Commission reconvened after returning from the site survey. Commissioners reviewed the funds in the Commerce Bank account for monthly transfers.

3:40 p.m., since representatives from KWIX and the Monitor-Index did not arrive for the scheduled news conference, the meeting was adjourned.



Susan Carter
Doug Galaske
Randy Asbury