

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 12, 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 not present as he was attending a three-day emergency management training, but joined the meeting later.

**9:15 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (2-0). Commissioners signed the official minutes of April 3 and April 5. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of April 10 with corrections; motion carried (2-0).

Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in to discuss maintenance of County roads. Com. Carter asked him to order and install two speed limit signs for CR 2275, at the speed limit of 40 mph as per Court Order passed previously. Com. Asbury reported on his tour of Seven Bridges Road with Terry Fusselman. There was discussion of whether CR 2696 really is a County road or not. Mr. Dougherty has researched old plat books and found no evidence of it ever being a County road.

**10:00 a.m.**, Tony Stuart arrived to discuss his concerns about CR 2696. He and a partner bought property with the understanding that this was an official maintained County road and they intend to sell 5-acre plots for homes. Com. Asbury volunteered to check with Jim Myles about any earlier agreements with former owner Brian Brumhagen, as well as why the change was made from a PR (private road) sign to a CR (county road) sign. After the situation is researched, the Commission will contact Mr. Stuart.

**10:50 a.m.**, Richard Neubauer stopped by the meeting. An individual who declined to identify himself called to complain about the trash situation at Routes T and B.

**11:00 a.m.**, Dennis Pashia from AT&T called with several options and additional questions concerning the possible move of the computer hookup with the State Court System necessary if the Juvenile Office is to move locations. Com. Asbury asked him to put it in a document and e-mail it to the Commission. The tech person, Amy Lezari, will also call back with additional information.

**11:05 a.m.**, Sheriff Mark Nichols came in to request that five old light bars from patrol cars be declared surplus property. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded that the light bars be declared surplus property; motion carried (2-0). They discussed the need for an ESDN line to utilize the video conferencing equipment already purchased. Sheriff Nichols expressed a desire to have a VSA (Voice Stress Analyzer) in the future and he is looking into possible use of an AT&T grant. He also wants to rent a tiller and purchase grass seed to make the grounds at the Justice Center easier to maintain. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded to approve the expenditure; motion carried (2-0).

Commissioners also discussed with Sheriff Nichols the deficit in the Justice Center fund. Com. Carter suggested asking the Ambulance District to help fund 911. Sheriff Nichols reported an average daily count of 43 Randolph County inmates, with 50-53 total daily, about 13-15 out-of-county. Weekends run about 80-90. Ways to reduce costs were discussed with Sheriff Nichols indicating that in change of venue cases, he tries to keep the inmate in Randolph County until the day of the trial or the day before to avoid paying board. He also reported purchasing \$4,000 worth of firearms out of benevolent funds and plans to ask LERF for funds for upkeep on the fingerprinting machine. A future budget should include new, upgraded ballistic vests. The cost is \$610 on the state bid, with a 50% match from the federal government and 18 are needed.

**12:05 p.m.**, the meeting recessed.

**12:30 p.m.**, Com. Galaske arrived and the meeting reconvened.

**12:45 p.m.**, Commissioners read and handled correspondence. There was an e-mail from Peggy Boots, Circuit Clerk, that the Salary Commission will meet on July 20 at 2:00 p.m. April 20 at 10:00 a.m., Prosoco and Wade Horn are coming to examine the masonry leak at the Justice Center with Rick Howard. Commissioners received notice of a meeting of the Randolph County 911 at the EOC on April 19 at 2:00 p.m. May 3 may be the "efficiency pow-wow."

Commissioners discussed the on-going problem of the burned out house on CR 2365.

**1:10 p.m.**, County Clerk Jim Sears came in to discuss seeking reimbursement for medical costs incurred by inmates while in Randolph County. He will return for a quarterly budget review on Tuesday.

**1:40 p.m.**, Bill Dougherty reported that the Cheneys received their letter concerning culvert replacement and responded. Commissioners requested information from Collector Shiela Miller about possible ways to collect from former inmates who may have property in the County. She will research this and report back.

**1:50 p.m.**, Visitor Bob Bauer arrived.

**2:05 p.m.**, Com. Carter reported that Prather's cars have been moved back up next to the road. Commissioners discussed sending a letter concerning the past payment for culvert installation and possibly re-ditching the right of way to improve drainage.

**2:25 p.m.**, Mike McGrath, MoDOT stopped by with the final agreement for the permit to place a sign on Route C directing drivers to the Justice Center. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded to sign the Permit for Work on the Right of Way for the Justice Center sign on Route C; motion carried (3-0).

**2:30 p.m.**, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED



Handwritten signatures of Susan Carter and Jim Sears.