

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 19, 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 representing the County at Mizzou Days in Columbia.

9:05 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (2-0). Com. Carter will complete and return to Solomon Boiler Works the preventive program and service agreement. The Commission received a faxed price quote from James Drew Corporation for 2' x 2' signs for Route C directing people to the Justice Center.

9:25 a.m., Paula Delaney, secretary to Circuit Judge Scott Hayes, dropped by to discuss a budgeting problem. Often the Court has to hire a conflict prosecutor to fill-in when the Prosecuting Attorney has a conflict of interest, a very common procedure in smaller communities with prosecutors who have extensive local connections. Currently there is a line item for such, but it is not funded. The Judge's budget for legal fees has historically been allocated for attorney fees that might be incurred by the Court. Attorney Ezra Borntrager has served as conflict prosecutor and submitted a bill for \$2,200. Although the Court will attempt to recover the fees by attaching court costs, often they are uncollectable. Mrs. Delaney anticipates additional billings in the future and needs to know what account these costs should be paid from. Other concerns discussed with Mrs. Delaney included the humming noise from the lights and acoustic problems in the courtroom as well as the condition of the concrete in the Justice Center parking lot.

10:25 a.m., Darrell Decker, Select Services, called requesting a meeting with the Commission to discuss his proposal for a health insurance consortium. Com. Carter asked him some questions about the current status of the consortium and put him on the agenda for 10:00 on Tuesday.

Com. Carter called Tracy Magyar in Congressman Hulsolf's office for some information. The question is whether Randolph County must participate (and pay for a portion of) a Randolph County audit for 2006, the "off-year" for the required state audit. The County and the Randolph County Health Department together met the \$500,000 trigger of federal funds received, but otherwise, the County would have no obligation for an audit. The Commission asked the congressman's office to determine if the Office of Management and Budget considers the County and the Health Department as one entity. Ms. Magyar will research and get back to the Commission.

10:55 a.m., Deputy County Clerk Carol Summers brought in a form for the Commission approval. The small cards with contact information will be available for the Road and Bridge crew to hand to residents who have a road issue they want to discuss.

11:00 a.m., Rick Howard came in for his weekly report on maintenance. On April 20 Mr. Howard will be present as Prosooco, the company responsible for the masonry, inspects the Justice Center. He reports that mowing is taking a lot of time right now. Com. Asbury inquired about the eroding concrete at the Justice Center and Mr. Howard reported using calcium chloride for ice removal. They also discussed the lack of curbs, which leads to people driving across the grass, causing additional problems, the lack of outdoor lighting, the sewer pit, generator system, pumps, and acoustics in the courtroom. Com. Asbury suggested calling Rick VanKirk to see if incorrect specifications were given to ABC Electric who wired the pump, thinking that might be the cause of the breaker problem. Mr. Howard is also concerned about the furniture stored in the secure hallway, which might become a hazard in an emergency. The need for evaluation of emergency procedures and inspection of the building fire extinguishers were discussed.

12:00 p.m., Gary Tally from Hammer and Steel called; he is interested in purchasing some of the surplus equipment from the Road and Bridge Department. He was told that the Commission will contact him when equipment is officially for sale.

12:05 p.m., the Commission recessed for lunch.

12:30 p.m., the Commission reconvened. Com. Carter signed a receipt for hauling rock to the village of Jacksonville (102 tons at \$2 per ton).

12:40 p.m., Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor, came in to discuss changes needed in culvert replacement. He reported complaints from Don Mutter and Rand McKinney.

1:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to attend a 911 Joint Committee meeting. No one appeared for the press conference on April 17.

APPROVED



Susan Carter
Jim Evans
Doug Galaske