

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 24, 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. **9:00 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). The fuel bid was awarded to MFA for \$2.209 (Brownfield bid \$2.239) for April 25-May 1. Rick Howard, Maintenance, and Greg Mackey, Solomon Boiler Works, were present to report on the inspection of the Huntsville Courthouse boiler. The state inspector found deterioration and condemned the boiler until it is repaired or replaced. This inspection is required by both the State and insurance company and hasn't been done for approximately six years. Mr. Mackey indicated that the shell has deteriorated and reported on what repairs he could make and the approximate costs. The cost could be as much as \$10,000 for repair, \$15,000 for a used replacement, or \$25,000 for a new one. He will research the issue and reply with estimates of all options in written form. **9:30 a.m.**, Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes for April 19; motion carried (3-0). **9:35 a.m.**, Darrell Decker arrived to discuss his proposal for including Randolph County in a health insurance consortium he is forming in this area of the state. County Clerk Jim Sears was asked to join the discussion. Mr. Decker gave a brief history of the plan, and MAC's (Missouri Association of Counties) earlier attempts for a statewide plan. The broker would be Arthur J. Gallagher. Mr. Decker's job as paid consultant is to bring counties together to go to the market place with strength to obtain a better bid with more options. This has been successful in southwest Missouri where nine counties have banded together and saved substantially on their health insurance.

The current group Mr. Decker has lined up in this area includes Adair, Audrain, Marion, Macon, Pike, Ralls, Shelby, and Shannon Counties. Pre-bidding was done in the fall of 2006 for about 400 employees, but companies need over 500 for the best discount. Mr. Decker was working on Mercy as the provider. Mr. Sears indicated that in the past, Mercy's providers haven't been adequate in this area. When asked who determines the provider, Mr. Decker indicated it would be the insurance company; there would be only one broker, Gallagher. Mr. Decker works on a fee basis, the first year fee being \$5,000 (which is not refundable) with \$2,500 each year thereafter. Mr. Sears asked who makes the selection of the bidder and Mr. Decker replied that he and Gallagher would do so, after consulting with the members of the consortium. Mr. Sears asked how this differs from Missouri Consolidated and Mr. Decker said that new members must apply and be accepted or rejected, unlike Missouri Consolidated. Mr. Sears asked if the plan covered retirees and Mr. Decker replied that it does not currently do so. If the consortium elected to do so, he would hope to bid retiree insurance as stand alone so as to not affect the active employee amount. **10:10 a.m.**, Mr. Sears left the discussion. Mr. Decker noted that his eventual goal is to get four regional groups up and running and, at some future point, merge them under MAC. There are two risks for the County: (1) a fee is invested and an insurance company can't be found (2) the County joins the consortium, a bid is adopted, and the County can't be helped financially so selects not to participate. It is Mr. Decker's hope that, over time, by spreading the loss, the volatility can be taken out of health insurance costs. If a county joins the consortium, becomes insured, then drops out, it can't get back in for five years. Com. Asbury asked for a copy of the by-laws and Mr. Decker will send them. **10:25 a.m.**, Curtis Elam, a state bridge inspector, brought in his reports of the condition of the County bridges. He noted that the two railroad bridges near Higbee are a problem, going to a "4" rating. The top rating is "9" with "3" rating indicating that the bridge should be closed. His report on the Sugar Creek Bridge (#1620024) indicated deck gravel and dirt, with some spalling on the super structure and some rebar exposed. It was rated a "6" indicating satisfactory condition, with Mr. Elam suggesting that the deck gravel and dirt be removed to better maintain the bridge. The Higbee railroad bridges had extensive rotting and timbers not supporting the bridge. Com. Carter requested that Mr. Elam communicate his recommendations to the Moberly Special Road District. Paula Delaney called to report that Judge Hayes had been delayed and would be late for the scheduled 11:00 meeting. An estimate for directional road signs on Route C was received from Show-Me Signs in Macon. A notice of a rate increase was received from Ameren. **10:50 a.m.**, Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of Court Order 2007-04 to mow the Johnson Cemetery; motion carried (3-0). **11:00 a.m.**, The Commissioners studied the invoices presented for payment. Com. Asbury noted that because of the County's financial situation, it would be very easy to make decisions not in the best long-term interest of the County. Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded that the invoices be approved; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed. Checks 3473-3525 were signed for payment of approved invoices from the following funds: General Revenue \$7,662.45; PA Trng. \$626.99; LE Trng \$57.46; Assmt. \$2225.45; Road & Bridge \$236.67; Sheriff \$481.19; Election Serv \$131.03; E911 \$587.97 and Justice Center \$6,049.63. Total amount of checks \$16,058.84. A question has arisen concerning whether two employees of the Sheriff's Department who were on leave without pay continued to accrue vacation and sick leave. Com. Galaske called Sheriff Nichol sick leave per the County personnel handbook, as they weren't working the entire month. Accrued vacation would not be affected. County Clerk Jim Sears brought in a "generic" employee manual from MoPERM that might be helpful as the Commission revises Randolph County personnel manual. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the minutes of April 17 with corrections; motion carried (3-0). Com. Galaske will call a civil engineer to check on costs for inspecting the Huntsville Courthouse. Paula Delaney called to inform the Commission that Judge Hayes would be unable to get away to meet with the Commission but will be in touch as soon as he can to reschedule. Com. Asbury reported he will attend the annual Associated Electric Cooperative meeting from June 6-8, requiring him to miss the June 7 meeting of the Commission. **11:55 a.m.**, Bill Dougherty came in. He reported that Frank Miller, Mayor of Huntsville, requested that the County move dirt on County property making it difficult for cutting hay. **12:15 p.m.**, Com. Galaske reported on the inspection conducted by Prosoco on the masonry at the Justice Center. Prosoco believes it is cracking because of man-made materials and they don't know what is causing the leaking. Wade Horn, PC&E, had a suggestion to test where it is leaking by flooding certain parts with water. Commissioners read and handled correspondence. **12:50 p.m.**, Commissioners discussed the nuisance situation with Prather's Towing Service. Com. Carter would like to get him to move the cars back and ditch the property again. **1:05 p.m.**, Tom and Peggy Briggs came in seeking information on establishing access to one of three properties they own in the northeastern part of the County and in Monroe County. Commissioners will check on easement procedures and get back to them. **1:40 p.m.**, Dee Vanderburg came in regarding the NRSC project. He needs information to make a direct deposit into County funds of 75% of the amount for the project on the Randy Taylor and Art Giesendorfer properties. The County is set up as "vendor" for the payment. Mr. Vanderburg is taking care of permits from landowners that authorize the County to act as agent. The application is handled as two separate projects so the payments can be processed separately if one is done sooner than the other. Once Mr. Vanderburg receives all information, the County can advertise and he will share his list of contractors in Randolph County and adjoining counties. **2:00 p.m.**, the deputy clerk left the meeting. Commissioners handled correspondence. Kerry Kissinger with MoPEM insurance called and set up a meeting on April 26 at 11:00 a.m. **3:30 p.m.**, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Carter
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