

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 26, 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.

9:05 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners read and handled correspondence. Circuit Judge Scott Hayes has rescheduled his meeting with the Commission for May 1. Commissioners were invited to an economic development day at the University of Missouri on May 30; all three plan to attend. Com. Carter reported that all county officials except one have agreed to be present for an "efficiency brainstorming session" on May 3 at 11:30.

9:35 a.m., Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in with a revision of a job application form. The speed limit signs arrived on April 25 and he delivered them to the Moberly Special Road District for installation. The Justice Center lawnmower needs a replacement radiator; he found one for \$125 and ordered it.

10:05 a.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of April 24 with corrections; motion carried (3-0).

10:10 a.m., Shannon Howe with Shafer, Kline, and Warren (SKW), an engineering firm on MoDOT's approved list, came to discuss BEAP (Bridge Engineering Assistance Program) per letter from Com. Bankhead last fall. He reported on the traffic study conducted by MoDOT, which paid for 80% of the study, the only one in this area. Mr. Howe presented the Commission with a summary report of bridges (attached). He suggested looking at those with the highest traffic and putting the railroad bridges at the bottom of the list unless those crossings are needed. He noted that MoDOT only looks at bridges 20 feet or longer and doesn't call a "low water crossing" a bridge. Mr. Howe indicated the County has about \$350,000 in BRO funds that can be put toward the 80% match. Com. Galaske inquired about the soft match; it is about \$75,000. Mr. Howe suggested that the County could start a \$400,000 project now and finish next year, as a normal project takes 12-18 months. The Commission thanked him for the information to help them plan and asked for an engineer to contact the County with the cost of inspection and building.

10:45 a.m., Attorney Jay Kimmons called requesting some information about a pending lawsuit.

10:50 a.m., Kerry Kissinger from MoPEB (Missouri Public Entity Benefits program) arrived. He gave a power point presentation entitled "A road map to delivering immediate and sustainable healthcare cost control." The program is point of service, with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Anthem. The Key Gap plan funds the "gap" of uncovered areas such as co-payments and deductibles. He has 12-15 public entities currently and hopes to have 20-30 by the end of the year.

11:30 a.m., Rick Howard, Maintenance, came in for his weekly report. He discussed the masonry leaks at the Justice Center with the Commission as well as the testing suggested by Wade Horn. Com. Carter reported that SKW was asked to have an engineer call with an estimate for an inspection of the Huntsville Courthouse. Mr. Howard suggested following up on the freezer at the Justice Center which is not working.

11:45 a.m., the Commission recessed.

12:25 p.m., the Commission reconvened. Com. Carter reported the three estimates received for the Justice Center directional signs as follows: Show-Me Signs from Macon, \$125 for two; Jack's Municipal from Clarksburg, \$61.75 each; James Drew Corporation from Sedalia, \$60 for two. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded that two signs be purchased from James Drew Corporation for \$30 apiece; motion carried (3-0).

Commissioners discussed accrual of vacation leave for employees on administrative leave from the Sheriff's Department. There is no stipulation in the employee handbook that would preclude them from accruing vacation leave. There was an amendment to the employee manual and the policy was changed in October 2005.

12:50 p.m., Com. Carter talked to Emergency Director Robert Creed about an inspection of the Moberly Courthouse. Bill Dougherty came in and Com. Carter explained the need for a policy book for Road and Bridge, and that the Commission had discussed this need with Michael Puro of Great River Engineering. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded to hire Great River Engineering on a contractual basis to provide professional engineering services as requested by the Commission; motion carried (3-0), agreement attached. Com. Galaske reported speaking to civil engineer Greg Linneman in Columbia concerning a building assessment. Com. Galaske will ask for a quote in writing and request qualifications. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded to authorize Presiding Commissioner Carter to enter into a contract with Great River Engineering to do consulting work to standardize road and bridge policies; motion carried (3-0).

Com. Asbury suggested setting up a meeting once a month for interaction with other County entities. Com. Galaske agreed and Com. Carter indicated that much of this could be accomplished as the entities pursue development of the Hazard Mitigation plan.

1:25 p.m., Richard Tregnago came in for his quarterly report. His budget is right on target but he noted that he is under on salary now but several of his employees are "seasonal." The field review people have variable hours depending on the weather. Mr. Tregnago indicated he has to turn records over to the clerk to send to all taxing districts in the County, as this is a reassessment year. Each one has four components and there are 26 taxing districts. By the end of April he anticipates about 20% will be overdue, with penalties automatically assigned after May 1. Over 800 taxpayers paid that penalty last year, with part going to the CERF Fund. He indicated a 8.3% increase on reassessment and noted that some will see substantial increases. New construction was assessed on \$2.4 million. Mr. Tregnago reported the point of reassessment is to get closer to the actual value, not to make more money for the County. He noted that the representative from the Tax Commission would be pulling appraisals for the State to check the accuracy. Mr. Tregnago feels the County will be on the positive side in regard to sales tax. Most taxing districts should benefit with the assessment increase and new construction. Also discussed was the satisfaction of the McCormick Place TIF. County Clerk Jim Sears and Deputy Collector Neta Curtchfield came in to help answer some questions.

2:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned with the weekly press conference scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED



Susan Carter
Jim Sears
Doug Galaske