

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 3, 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. **9:15 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. The official minutes of April 24 and 26 were signed. Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor came in with information to share. The costs of road grader tires per government bid has gone up drastically (\$1729 for two), the dump truck is having problems, another Road and Bridge employee has resigned, and the surplus property list was revised. **9:25 a.m.**, Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of Court Order 2007-05 to pay for mowing the Thomas Hill cemetery; motion carried (3-0). Elaine Meyr's term on the Little Dixie Library Board expires on June 30 and the Commission will research possible appointments. Notice was received from Missouri Auditor Susan Montee that the office is in receipt of Randolph County's financial statement for 2006. Clerk Jim Sears notified the Commission that the Renick School is taking a boiler out of operation that has passed inspection and might be willing to sell it. Com. Galaske reported on water damage at the Moberly Courthouse caused from overflow of the air conditioner drip pan. Linda Walker is cleaning up the area. Jim Myles received two checks at his home for the Randolph County Local Emergency Planning Committee (for \$1,486.99 and \$3,520.25 that he forwarded to Com. Asbury. They were turned over to Treasurer Becky Brown for deposit. Com. Galaske indicated they are proceeds from hazardous chemical handlers' fees. Although the checks were dated earlier, they were not mailed until April 27, 2007. Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) issued a call to action about the increase in per diem pay for counties housing state prisoners, which is now in conference committee in the Missouri Legislature. Com. Asbury contacted Rep. Therese Sander and Sen. Chuck Graham and asked them to support the \$2.50 per diem increase. An invitation was received from NECAC for a 10 a.m. reception on Wednesday, May 16, in Moberly. Commissioners discussed participation in the hazard mitigation plan. Chief Deputy Nevin Turner is in the process of applying for a grant and part of this application asks if the community is doing risk assessment. Com. Carter reported on progress in checking with mayors of various County communities, most of whom seem willing to participate in developing a county-wide hazard mitigation plan. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded that Randolph County allocate \$1,000 for the County's participation in such a plan as suggested by FEMA/SEMA; motion carried (3-0). The Resolution will be #030507. Com. Asbury reported on a conversation with Bob Wilcox regarding possible County use of the Commerce Bank building. Solomon Boiler Works will be called concerning the Renick boiler. Com. Asbury will represent the Commission today at noon in Moberly for the National Day of Prayer event at Moberly City Hall. **10:00 a.m.**, Phil Merry came in to discuss planning and zoning issues with the Commission. He suggested appointment of a committee to study the development of the County, get input, and make recommendations. Such a committee should be limited in size with broad representation. Mr. Merry suggested finding other counties who have done this to "piggy back" on what they have learned. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded a correction of the previously approved minutes of April 26; motion carried (3-0) and the minutes were corrected. A process server brought in a summons for all three commissioners about a hearing on May 25. Rocky Mountain Express Pipeline is suing Aubrey Bradley for access across his property. Because Randolph County owns mineral rights under the land, the Commission received the summons. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury moved approval of the Minutes of May 1 with corrections; motion carried (3-0). **10:50 a.m.**, Com. Galaske called Rick Rowe with Inter-Tel regarding the AT&T Excelsior Grant application. Com. Carter called Tony Stuart; he and Brian Brumhagen will come to the May 10 Commission meeting to discuss the county road issue near Clark. **11:20 a.m.**, the Commission recessed to travel to the Randolph County Justice Center for a meeting with several persons representing the court system for an informal discussion of possible cost-saving measures. **11:40 a.m.**, the Commission reconvened at the Justice Center with the following present: Circuit Judge Scott Hayes, Associate Circuit Judge Cindy Suter, Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman, Circuit Clerk Peggy Boots, Deputy Circuit Clerk Sheila Sears, and Sheriff Mark Nichols. Com. Asbury began the discussion with three items mentioned earlier as possible opportunities for cost reductions: extradition expenses, income opportunities at the jail, and the use of the LERF fund. Items discussed included use of a collection agency to recoup costs, housing out-of-county prisoners, medical costs for prisoners of sending counties, charging inmates for "lost" items, more resources for drug/alcohol abusers, use of the justice center for such alternative programs locally, use of tracking devices, pooling office supplies, having state troopers require arrestees to post bond, enforcing nuisance issues. **12:50 p.m.**, the meeting was recessed to return to the Huntsville Courthouse, with the possibility of the group meeting again in the future to continue such discussions. **1:00 p.m.**, the Commission reconvened at the Huntsville Courthouse. Com. Asbury received a return call from Rep. Therese Sander reporting that the conference committee had agreed on an increase in the prisoner per diem for counties of \$1.25 for 2008 and another \$1.25 for 2009. Commissioners worked on finalizing the AT&T Excelsior Grant application. This is money AT&T makes available for technology and the County is applying for hardware to connect the Justice Center with the Moberly City Hall to save on communication costs. Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in to report he found that CR 2696 was indicated as a county road in the 1910 plat book. Sheriff Nichols has requested using money earned from his calendar project to purchase two guns. Com. Galaske suggested using part of the memorial fund established after the death of two County deputies in 2000 to up date communications between Randolph County and the Moberly Police Department. **1:30 p.m.**, Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman came in for his quarterly budget review. He indicated about a \$6,000 decrease in collections in the Bad Check Fund for 2007 thus far, showing a balance of around \$31,000. He reported that Wal-Mart is becoming dissatisfied with their collection agency and may return this job to the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Discussed was whether the budget can afford \$1200 additional salary for Stephanie Roberts as assistant PA, to match what she was making at the public defender's office. Mr. Fusselman noted she will do mostly Judge Suter's docket so there will be few conflicts and that for serious cases he will ask for help from the Attorney General's office. He is also requesting a second assistant to begin around June, noting he has additional costs for upgrading computers and software so is not aware of how much his office can contribute to the additional cost for the second assistant. Com. Asbury also brought up the \$2200 cost already incurred for a special prosecutor, noting that there is a line item but it was not funded, and questioning where this money will come from. **2:45 p.m.**, Mr. Fusselman left and the Commission continued to discuss how to fund the second assistant PA. They called Mr. Fusselman back to ask him to wait on further hiring decisions until they get back to him. **3:20 p.m.**, Mike Lear of KWIX Radio called for the weekly press conference and the meeting was adjourned.

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