

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 10, 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.

9:25 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.

9:45 a.m., Bill Dougherty came in to discuss road maintenance and possible future purchases.

9:55 a.m., Com. Carter prepared an announcement for the media concerning the July 1 opening on the Little Dixie Regional Library Board, and informed the library director Karen Hayden of this action. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded approval of the minutes of May 9 with corrections; motion carried (3-0).

10:00 a.m., Tony Stuart arrived for his appointment to discuss CR 2696. He discussed easements, maintenance, and rights-of-way with Commissioners and Mr. Dougherty. Richard Tregnago, Assessor, contributed some information to help clarify some issues. Mr. Stuart will schedule a time to meet with Michael Purol from Great Rivers Engineering to discuss road construction.

10:30 a.m., Commissioners participated in a conference call with Keith Laake of Cost Control Associates. He gave a brief overview of the programs offered by his company that would try to reduce utility costs for the County. CCA would look for errors in billing (seeking refunds) and ways to reduce ongoing costs of electricity and phone service, including cellular. The company would file a claim directly on behalf of the County and all fees are contingency based, with the County and CCA sharing in cost savings. The plan is one resulting from a national bid with NACO (National Association of Counties) that counties can "piggyback" on. Even small counties are included on the plan and the County health department could be included as well. Commissioners shared some current costs with Mr. Laake and asked him to e-mail a new client worksheet for the County to consider. Reviews are done mostly in the office, looking at rates that the County may not have taken advantage of.

11:00 a.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of one invoice for \$2,890.20 to pay a special conflict prosecutor; motion carried (3-0).

11:10 a.m., Judge Cindy Suter arrived for a presentation of the proclamation recognizing Drug Court Week.

11:20 a.m., Janet Morales from the Moberly Monitor-Index was present for a press conference where Commissioners updated her on current business of the Commission.

Future meetings scheduled include: May 17, noon for lunch at Meadow Ridge Estates; June 14 for lunch with Moberly City Manager Gary Edwards and the Moberly City Council; and May 15 at 9:00 a.m. with Inter-Tel.

Ross McKinstry, Randolph County Health Department, called to say he is interested in participating in the plan with Cost Control Associates with the County.

Com. Carter called Tracy Magyar in Congressman Hulsof's office concerning the County's participation in an audit with the RCHD. Commissioners decided to pursue seeking bids for the audit along with the RCHD.

12:00 p.m., meeting was recessed.

1:00 p.m., meeting reconvened. Calls will be placed to the Missouri Auditor's office to see if the budget needs to be amended and to Michael Purol to give him direction on updating of Road and Bridge policies. He indicated he would get back with the Commission on May 22.

1:15 p.m., Com. Asbury suggested contacting Attorney Ivan Schraeder to pursue updating the County personnel policy manual, as Mr. Schraeder is currently performing that task for Chariton County. Com. Galaske e-mailed Mr. Schraeder, and will also ask if he is aware of any counties recently completing an update of road and bridge policies.

1:45 p.m., Com. Carter spoke with Regina Pruitt, Auditor Montee's office, regarding submitting an updated budget.

2:15 p.m., the Commission wrote a letter of support at the request of Higbee Mayor Charla Bankhead to help that city with a grant application for an early warning siren.

2:20 p.m., Commissioners finalized the application for the NRCS cleanup project (after the Renick tornado). Com. Galaske requested copies of sample road and bridge policies from the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC).

2:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

