

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 22, 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.

9:10 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of May 17; motion carried (3-0).

9:30 a.m., Jennifer Fenton, RC Victim Services Coordinator, came before the Commission to present and explain the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA). She prepares this yearly, having been successful in receiving the grant since 1996. It requires no local match and funds all the salary for two positions in combination with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant. She noted that she keeps daily records, and the grants cover unemployment, workers compensation, mileage, and cell phones. The office that is donated by the Prosecuting Attorney and the Prosecuting Attorney's Bad Check Fund help provide the match. Mrs. Fenton explained the work she and Erica Nobles do as victim advocates, the budgeting process, the application process, and how the match is obtained for the grant. The VOCA Grant year is for the period October 1-September 30 and the VAWA Grant year is for the period January 1-December 31. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded to authorize Com. Carter to sign the grant application for the VOCA Grant for the coming year; motion carried (3-0).

9:50 a.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the Certified Copy of Order 2007-08 for mowing (\$100) to be paid out of the Thomas Hill Cemetery Fund; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners studied invoices presented for payment.

10:05 a.m., Bill Dougherty came in to discuss two separate issues--one regarding PR 2376 off Route EE and another regarding CR 2660 near Old Highway 63. Com. Galaske contacted one of the parties involved with the CR 2660 issue. This is a landowner issue not involving the County's right-of-way. The fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$2.285 per gallon (MFA bid \$2.30) for the week of May 23.

10:25 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the invoices; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed.

Checks 3793-3831 were signed for payment of approved invoices from the following funds: General Revenue \$19,690.49; LE Trng \$841.00; Assmt. \$74.78; Road & Bridge \$69.89; E911 \$7,500.00 and Justice Center \$900.00. Total amount of checks \$29,076.16

Commissioners discussed Dirk Miller's request for assistance in repairing CR 1660. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded to allow \$1200 and use of County equipment. This amount is the equivalent amount that the County would expend in gravel and labor on a similar two-mile stretch of County road for routine maintenance.

11:10 a.m., Commissioners had a discussion with Presiding Circuit Judge Scott Hayes on speakerphone concerning criminal conflict cases. There are a large number of conflicted cases due to the hiring of an assistant prosecuting attorney who had previously been employed as a Randolph County public defender. Judge Hayes reported he will be getting as much assistance from the Attorney General's office as possible and has made agreements with some special prosecutors to do work at very reasonable costs. In addition, there could possibly be an unbudgeted cost to General Revenue estimated to be between \$25,000 and \$50,000 for special prosecutors.

11:45 a.m., Commissioners consulted with Sheriff Mark Nichols by phone concerning a request for compensation by a former Justice Center inmate who suffered an injury while incarcerated.

11:55 a.m., Com. Galaske called Attorney Jay Kimmons to follow up on a pending case. He indicated he was waiting for a report and had the petition drafted. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded to authorize Com. Carter to sign the petition; motion carried (3-0).

12:05 p.m., Com. Carter called Little Dixie Regional Libraries Director Karen Hayden regarding the vacancy on that board. Com. Carter moved/ Com. Galaske seconded to reappoint Elaine Meyr to another term on the board. An additional letter of interest was filed for future openings.

12:10 p.m., Carol Summers, payroll clerk, brought in information regarding the compensation time request from a former employee of the Sheriff's office.

12:20 p.m., Commissioners read and handled correspondence. Information was received from the Emergency Management Agency that the County received \$655.49 for an EMPG claim. Commissioners were invited to an EMA meeting. Com. Galaske informed Commissioners that he received a waiver from HUD that would allow him to remain on the NECAC board while co-owning rental units. A letter was received from the National Association of Counties (NACO) regarding election of officers. A letter was received from Dolphin Capital with the amount of buy out for the lease for communications equipment at the Justice Center.

12:40 p.m., Collector Sheila Miller came in to discuss purchasing a lock box (with funds in the Tax Maintenance Fund) to install in the front of the Randolph County Courthouse as a convenience to taxpayers. Commissioners inspected the front of the building concerning the possibility.

Commissioners discussed a list of area transportation priorities to present to J. W. Ballinger, the County's representative on the Transportation Advisory Committee, a planning board of the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments.

1:30 p.m., Dirk Miller of Holiday Acres called and was informed of the Commission's decision to help with the repair of CR 1660.

Commissioners discussed the proposal from Cost Control Associates, expressing concern with fees and terms. Com. Galaske suggested sending the agreement to Attorney Mike Fusselman.

1:45 p.m., Jerry Frans, the newly elected Mayor of Cairo called, visiting with Com. Carter about his village's participation in the hazard mitigation plan development.

2:10 p.m., Commissioners discussed the reconfiguration of the Moberly Courthouse to make it usable for the Juvenile Office.

2:35 p.m., Commissioners received a fax from Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman expressing a problem in complying with new state requirements for his office. Com. Carter called and left a message asking him to contact the Commission to discuss the issue.

3:05 p.m., meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

