

Randolph County Commission Minutes
May 24, 2007

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville Courthouse with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, and Marie Arp, Deputy Clerk.

9:15 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order.

Com. Carter moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Com. Randy Asbury; motion carried 3-0.

Molly Henke, Customer Service Representative with Chariton Valley Telephone met with the Commission explaining that Chariton Valley will be working in the City of Huntsville changing copper telephone lines to fiber optic. The company will be offering telephone, internet and cable television. A box which will be installed on the outside of the building as well as one on the inside. The Justice Center already is set up for fiber optic and will be checked for any further modification. The installation will start on June 4th and boxes then will be installed on the outside of the building. The job should be completed by late fall. Those that refuse to have the fiber optic installed will not have a land line phone after the fiber optic is installed. There is no cost to the customer. Ms. Henke needs permission for the installation of fiber optic in the county buildings in Huntsville.

Com. Galaske moved that the Commission sign the permission form, Com. Asbury seconded the motion and motion carried 3-0. Three forms were signed by Com. Carter; one for Road and Bridge building; one for Justice Center; and one for the Huntsville Courthouse.

It was noted that the Commission received materials on county standards for roads, sewers, planning and zoning, and waste water regulations from Greene County. This information might be useful for the Commission to upgrade the Road and Bridge Policies.

The Commission also received correspondence from NRCS regarding Dee Vanderburg's clean up projects as a result of the tornado last year. They have sent two copies of the co-operative agreement for specifications for the cleanup. Com. Galaske moved that Com. Carter be authorized to sign the agreement, Com. Asbury seconded the motion and passed 3-0. Com. Carter will sign both copies and return one to NRCS.

Com. Asbury offered to have a prayer before going into closed session.

9:40 a.m., Com. Galaske moved to adjourn the regular session of the Commission, seconded by Com. Asbury and motion carried 3-0, and open the closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1).

9:51 a.m., Com. Carter moved to open the Commission meeting back in session and Com. Asbury seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

J. W. Ballinger visited with the Commission on various topics and said the Commission is invited to a meeting on June 29th in Jefferson City with Mid-Mo. Economic. He also suggested to the Commission that a one page brochure be compiled and made available at the Chamber office to give to new residents. He said that if the Chamber mailed the brochures there would be a charge. Com. Galaske volunteered to prepare the brochure.

Mr. Ballinger also said the City is working with MODOT on traffic control on Silva Lane and North Morley Street. They are also trying to eliminate the clutter of overhead wires, specifically on the electric signals. A stop sign will be moved from Carpenter Street to McKinsey Street. They are continually looking into some railroad overpasses. He also mentioned there will be annexation along Highway 63 from Highway 24 to Route M. He mentioned the airport and the gravel road on the north causing dust.

He suggested the county could improve bridges, straighten curves and remove tops from some of the roads that have steep hills for safety reasons. Mr. Ballinger also said the road that goes to Timberlake Golf should be paved and the Commission referred him to the Moberly Special Road District Board.

Com. Galaske said that illuminated signs are needed at the intersections of Clark, Renick and Jacksonville.

Com. Carter said the Commission is planning to have a meeting with the City Council sometime next month.

The 911 cell phone tax was discussed; Commission expressed disappointment in the past session not being able to obtain the tax.

Mr. Ballinger said another concern is the internet sales not having a sales tax.

Mr. Ballinger also indicated that Moberly Area Community College is looking into having some economic development in Moberly, and having a special place in Moberly at possibly the former Greyhound building.

10:50 a.m., Com. Carter called Tina Bernskoetter with Columbia Chamber of Commerce to accept the invitation to attend the Mid-Missouri Regional Economic Summit Friday, June 29th in Jefferson City.

Com. Asbury moved to accept the minutes (with changes) dated May 22nd, and Com. Carter seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0.

Rick Howard called the Commission to inform that he was installing the newly purchased air-conditioner compressor at the Justice Center to replace the one which failed on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Commission recessed for lunch at noon and will reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m., Joan Joseph visited with the Commission about Pictometry. Com. Carter said they were informed with the product from their Conference. Even though the county's aerial photography is very old, it was too costly for the county to consider at this time.

1:50 p.m., Commission visited with Coroner Gerald Luntsford. He reported his recent surgery on his ear is healing nicely. He said that he has had five autopsies this year, and two were paid by the state. He indicated he would be interested in attending Water/Death Investigation Training next year. The Commission will consider including this training in 2008's budget. The Commission informed Mr. Luntsford that the Juvenile Office will be relocating to the Moberly Courthouse and that his office needs to be moved to another location. He agreed the move of the Juvenile Office to the Moberly Courthouse was a good idea and he was very agreeable to relocate also. He will go with the Commission to the Moberly Courthouse and look at a space formerly occupied by Judge Jayne's in the basement of the Moberly Courthouse when it is vacated for possibly moving there.

Mr. Luntsford said he has been informed by the Attorney General that he should collect all of previous coroner records for safe keeping in a fireproof file. This would include records from John Gibbs, Fred Ward and David Haley.

The Commission is studying proposals for obtaining a sign at the Justice Center and planning to have bids submitted in the near future. Luke Lucas called during this meeting about his proposal.

3:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned to have the weekly news conference with Mike Lear of KWIX radio station.

APPROVED

Susan Carter
Jim Evans

Randy Asbury
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