

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 7, 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. Galaske seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0).

9:25 a.m., Annette Schulte with USDA Rural Development arrived. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded that the Commission declare June as National Home Ownership Month and a proclamation be issued; motion carried (3-0). Mrs. Schulte was presented with the proclamation and a picture was taken.

Commissioners scrutinized the County finances, studying the end of May figures and year-to-date revenues.

9:30 a.m., County Clerk Jim Sears came in to share information about the Horse Show grounds and several proposals that have been considered by various groups.

Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of June 5 with corrections; motion carried (3-0).

9:50 a.m., Chris Shoemaker, Business Development Specialist with MU Extension, came in to introduce himself and explain his responsibilities. His goal is to spur economic development through the growth and training of existing local businesses. He will be working with an eight-county area, which includes Randolph County, operating out of an office in Macon. Mr. Shoemaker will return for further planning after he has finished his orientation to the new position.

10:30 a.m., Commissioners replied to correspondence, including one from Virginia West proposing a speed limit on CR 2715. Circuit Clerk Peggy Boots called to report that the County is still being billed for the two unused phone lines in her office that she had requested be discontinued earlier. A bid for concrete repair work on Old Highway 65 south of Renick was received from the County Clerk and will be held for next week's meeting with Engineer Michael Puro. RC Sanitarian Janet Murray requested information on members of the Sewer Review Board.

Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded that the County enter into an agreement with LJB, Inc., to complete a structural inspection of the Huntsville Courthouse per estimate of not more than \$1,500; motion carried (3-0). Shafer, Kline, & Warren did not submit a bid.

11:05 a.m., Rick Howard came in for his regular maintenance report. He noted a problem in replacing light bulbs in the high-ceiling areas of the Justice Center. Recorder Mark Price offered to contact the Westran School District to see about borrowing a ladder to help in bulb replacement. Commissioners asked Mr. Howard to check into renting a milling machine to smooth off some rough edges on the concrete in front of the Huntsville Courthouse. A compressor in the JC failed, but Mr. Howard reported that Wayne's said that the warranty will cover replacement.

11:15 a.m. Brian Helton stopped by to visit with the Commission about the new antique/art store he is opening in downtown Moberly in the old J. C. Penney building. Michelle Gruer called about speeding on CR 2220, requesting a "children at play" sign. She will check with neighbors to obtain signatures on a request and investigate funding. Com. Carter informed Ted Sander of the Moberly Special Road District concerning the speed limit request on CR 2715. Commissioners faxed the Cost Control Associates proposal to Attorney Ivan Schraeder for his suggestion on how to proceed. A copy of Judge Scott Hayes's Court Order was received, addressing the hiring of special prosecutors to deal with conflict of interest issues in the Prosecuting Attorney's office due to the employment of Stephanie Roberts, a former public defender.

12:15 p.m., the meeting was recessed so that Commissioners could join Bill Dougherty for a tour of certain County Roads 2480 and 2410.

2:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened and Commissioners handled correspondence.

3:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned for the weekly press conference. Janet Morales from the Monitor-Index attended and Mike Lear from KWIX conducted an interview by phone.

APPROVED

