

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 12, 2007

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville Courthouse with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner and Nancy Copenhaver, Deputy Clerk. Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, was out of the state on vacation.

9:00 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (2-0).

9:05 a.m., Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in to discuss some surplus property remaining after the recent sale. County Clerk Jim Sears came in to ask how much insurance should be purchased for the tar pot recently acquired by Road and Bridge in a trade; \$20,000 was decided on. Mr. Sears also asked which fund the audit costs will come from, noting that many federal grants go to the Prosecuting Attorney's office so perhaps some cost should be assessed there. Com. Asbury suggested pro-rating the cost to each entity according to its receipt of federal funds. No decisions were made regarding allocation of audit costs.

Com. Asbury called Geraldine Noll to inform her that her waterway should be cleaned up today. He also called Greg Linneman (the engineer who inspected the Huntsville Courthouse) concerning the status of the engineering report. Mr. Linneman indicated it should arrive next week.

9:20 a.m., Com. Carter called the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments for information regarding the old County Farm building; they suggested calling DNR. Com. Carter called Jeff Webster with the Huntsville Lions Club and asked him to remove the Mud Run sign from the Justice Center property.

9:25 a.m., Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded approval of Court Order 2007-15 for \$100 for mowing from the Thomas Hill Cemetery fund; motion carried (2-0).

Presiding Circuit Judge Cynthia Suter invited the Commissioners to the first ever Randolph county Drug Court graduation on July 18 at 10 a.m. Information was received from County Clerk Sears that the proposed tax rate for 2008 would be \$.1782 for GR and \$.2013 for Road and Bridge.

9:50 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of July 10 with changes; motion carried (2-0).

Rick Howard, Maintenance, called. Com. Carter reported that she had spoken to Com. Galaske about the freezer at the Justice Center. He has that information at his Moberly office and will check on it when he returns from vacation. Com. Asbury asked Mr. Howard to secure the old County Farm building and discussed mowing priority spots on a regular basis. Mr. Howard noted a need for additional part-time help in the summer to keep up with mowing.

Assessor Richard Tregnago came in to discuss tax rate information. He will soon be bringing in information on new assessments and changes. Mr. Tregnago would like to insist that those appealing assessments provide the information requested to facilitate handling the appeal in the County or be denied further appeal to the State Tax Commission. Too many people make an appointment then do not show up, attempting to bypass the County process and go directly to the Tax Commission.

County Clerk Jim Sears came in to discuss assessments and setting tax rates. He explained how the tax ceiling is calculated, the roll back due to sales tax, and how the tax levy is set. The ceiling for Road and Bridge is \$.2013 and for General Revenue is \$.3769 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

10:40 a.m., Ross McKinstry, Randolph County Health Department Director, called regarding the bid proposal for the audit. Com. Asbury inquired about time of payment for the audit. It is to cover the years 2005 and 2006. Mr. McKinstry thinks it should be paid for it in 2007 but could perhaps be included on the bid specifications to defer payment until the 2008 budget year. He suggested asking the State Auditor's office how to split the cost regarding the pro-ration of dollars received from grants. Commissioners also indicated to him that it was extremely unlikely that the Juvenile Office would be moving to the Health Department facility.

10:55 a.m. Com. Asbury called Regina Prewitt in the State Auditor's office and left a message for a return call with Doug Porting.

11:10 a.m., Commissioners discussed the roads observed during Tuesday's tour, including CR 1925 where Jim Goodrich had complained about not being able to get to his hayfield. Com. Carter will write a letter informing Mr. Goodrich that the unmaintained CR 1925 is a county road to which the public should have access and he can share that letter with his neighbor. Com. Asbury called Cleta Souders on County Road 1190 and informed her that the County is not able to clean her fencerow. He visited with her regarding her road and ditch and she indicated she wants the water coming out of the culvert channeled down to the creek. Com. Asbury called Bill Dougherty to make that request.

Doug Porting from the State Auditor's office called back on speakerphone. He indicated that the audit for 2005-06 should be occurring right now, as September 30, 2007 is the deadline for completion. He indicated that the accountant performing the audit could probably get an extension from the Federal Government; such request should be made to the department of the biggest direct funding source. Com. Carter requested help in developing a bid proposal and Mr. Porting indicated the State Division of Purchasing might be able to provide that. He indicated that there should be an audit of federal programs and an audit of the financial statements of the County. He noted a possibility that the cost of the audit might be passed through the program money received.

12:20 p.m., Commissioners received a letter from DNR about SB 54 making changes to the Solid Waste Law.

1:00 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

