

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 17, 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 Copenhagen, Deputy Clerk.

9:30 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0).

Commissioners handled correspondence. The Commission received (by fax) two estimates for replacing the boiler in the Huntsville Courthouse from Solomon Boiler Works. Specifications for bidding the Renick old Highway 63 project were received from Great Rivers Engineering. The Commission received a fax from the Pipeline Group about an informative session on July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Macon.

Bill Dougherty called to inform the Commission that a ditch was dug for Clea Souders on CR 1190 and she is satisfied with it.

9:45 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of a Court Order to pay \$100 from the Johnson Cemetery Fund for mowing. The fuel bid for the week of July 18, 2007, was awarded to MFA for \$2.339 (Brownfield bid \$2.369). Commissioners signed the official minutes of June 12, 19, 21, 26, and 28.

9:50 a.m., Commissioners studied the invoices presented for payment.

Checks 4451-4507 were signed for payment of approved invoices from the following funds: General Revenue \$17,604.30; Assmt. \$971.61; Road & Bridge \$16,317.47; Sheriff \$1900.00; E911 \$744.16; PA Grant \$196.81 and Justice Center \$6,755.17. Total amount of checks \$44,489.52

Com. Carter called Mattox Advertising to be sure the sign being considered for the Justice Center would have lettering on both sides. A return call from Phil Mattox indicated that it is a double-faced sign and he will check further on the color selections and cost.

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

10:30 a.m., Jerry Frans, Mayor of Cairo came before the Commission to discuss areas of mutual interest, including the hazard mitigation plan and eliminating the eyesores created by junk vehicles.

11:45 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of July 12 with changes; motion carried (3-0).

Commissioners continued an earlier discussion of right-of-ways. Assessor Richard Tregnago stopped in and Com. Asbury asked him some questions about property tax.

11:55 a.m., Commissioners participated in a conference call with Michael Purol of Great Rivers Engineering. He noted that bids have been advertised, with opening to be August 2 at 10:00 a.m. for the old Highway 63 project south of Renick. Commissioners discussed the draft Road Guidelines/Standards drawn up by Mr. Purol, including a timeline for obtaining input by developers and the public.

12:50 p.m., Commissioners reviewed the waterfall account for payment of the bonds on the Justice Center.

1:00 p.m., Jordan Clothier, a representative from Senator Kit Bond's office, arrived to conduct a "listening post" with concerned citizens. Visitors during this time included Sheriff Mark Nichols, Chief Deputy Nevin Turner, Bob Bauer, Rep. Therese Sander, and Recorder Mark Price. Macon County Presiding Commissioner Allen Wyatt stopped in while in the area to pick up the surplus property purchased by his county.

2:20 p.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded to continue the contract with ABAN for pest control, adding the Moberly Courthouse as a separate contract for an additional \$50 per month.

2:30 p.m., the regular meeting of the Commission recessed.

2:30 p.m., County Clerk Jim Sears and Assessor Richard Tregnago arrived and Clerk Sears opened the Board of Equalization meeting. Com. Carter nominated Com. Asbury as chair, seconded by Mr. Tregnago; Com. Asbury was elected (4-0). Mr. Tregnago nominated Com. Carter as vice-chair, seconded by Com. Galaske; Com. Carter was elected (3-1). Clerk Sears gave the oath to the members and all four signed the document. Mr. Sears reported he has on hand correspondence from Dura, Jerry Swartz, Auto Zone, and Charter Communications but has not set any appointments yet. Com. Carter noted that she had made appointments on July 24 for Jerry Swartz at 10:00 a.m. and Auto Zone for 10:30 a.m. Mr. Sears left the meeting and Mr. Tregnago explained the protocol for conducting the Board of Equalization, including required documentation and rationale. He also explained the procedures for possible local appeals in August after he has finished all changes, for those who had increases in assessed valuation in the BOE.

2:50 p.m., the Board of Equalization was recessed and the Commission reconvened in regular meeting. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded to set the proposed property tax levy for 2008 at \$0.1782 for General Revenue and \$0.2013 for Road and Bridge; motion carried (3-0). The public hearing was set for July 31 at 2:00 p.m.

3:20 p.m., Com. Carter faxed the amended contract to ABAN.

3:25 p.m., Com. Asbury called Casey & Co. for assistance in determining bid specs for a possible audit. Joan with Casey indicated that the A-133 Federal regulations don't require an off-year audit if the two County entities have reached the \$500,000 threshold separately and have not had a BRO project. She indicated that she would have an associate who she described as an authority in these situations, call back next week to confirm this opinion. Com. Asbury also called Williams Keepers and left voice mail for Faye Johnson concerning the same issue.

3:55 p.m., Commissioners discussed CR 2696.

Roger Phillips from Keystone Pipeline called about a settlement from roads and rights-of-way; Com. Asbury will return the call.

4:10 p.m., meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

