

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
July 26, 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.

9:20 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Correspondence was received from the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments correcting the amount for dues for July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008 (\$2,366). A fax was received from Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman concerning hiring a part-time, temporary clerical employee. Notice was received of the July 31 reception for retiring Moberly Police Chief Mike Garbulski from 3-5 p.m. and the swearing in of the new chief, Denny Cupp, at 4:55 p.m. that afternoon.

Correspondence was received from County Sanitarian Janet Murray about David Bugg's complaint near CR 2610 and 2650. Com. Carter e-mailed Mrs. Murray about the sewer situation at the Nelson property between Moberly and Renick. Com. Carter reported that Martha Ames of 4182 CR 2250 called July 25 about the traffic count on that road; she will be referred to the Special Road District.

10:05 a.m., Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty came in, reporting that all crack sealing on pavement on CR 1175 is complete. He noted that the north end of the ASC road by Thomas Hill, rerouted Route F, either needs an overlay or be returned to gravel (a distance of about one-fourth mile). He had a request from Mose Petersheim who wants help with his driveway.

Jim Sears, County Clerk, came in to get clarification about Mr. Fusselman's request for a new employee.

10:30 a.m., Rick Howard, Maintenance, came in. Commissioners asked him to look into lights for over the door used by the Circuit Clerk's staff. He will also look for one for the side jail entrance, and seek bids. It was decided that Mr. Howard and Com. Asbury would work out the removal of the poison ivy on the side of the Moberly Courthouse. Mr. Howard reminded of the need to deal with the burned out lights in the Justice Center; he has replaced 3 but 11 are still out. Commissioners asked him to investigate a 15-18 foot stepladder.

10:55 a.m., the Commission called Ross McKinstry, RC Health Department Director. Com. Asbury explained Steve Williams' (of Williams Keeper) opinion regarding the need for an audit. Mr. McKinstry indicated that the Health Department did meet the threshold (of \$500,000 in federal funds) in one of the two years, but was not sure if that was received or expended; he will check on that as it does make a difference in whether the audit is required for the Health Department.

11:00 a.m., the regular meeting was recessed.

11:00 a.m., Com. Asbury, Chair reconvened the Board of Equalization with all three commissioners, Assessor Richard Tregnago, and County Clerk Jim Sears present. Mr. Tregnago presented the appeals not handled previously. Charter Communications has four properties, two real estate and two personal. They have changed their name to Rapid City and have a history of not turning in the personal property information on time. Charter has decided that because they changed hands, they've changed guidelines. Mr. Tregnago recommended denial of the appeal due to insufficient data available now, noting that he can bring back a change later with a Court Order if more information comes in. Mr. Tregnago made the motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Com. Galaske; motion carried (4-0). AutoZone's appeal was denied due to lack of information provided at the appointed time. Mr. Tregnago recommended partial denial of Dura Automotive's appeal on real property. Com. Galaske moved, Mr. Tregnago seconded denial of the appeal; motion carried (4-0). Mr. Tregnago recommended denial of the appeal of Dura on personal property due to the apparent failure to follow state statutes. Com. Galaske moved, Mr. Tregnago seconded denial of the appeal; motion carried (4-0). Form 11a shows a net increase of \$4,235,020 in personal property assessed valuation. Mr. Tregnago moved, Com. Carter seconded that the Board of Equalization accept that amount; motion carried (4-0). Mr. Tregnago noted he has over 30 parcel changes in real estate, most cases due to new construction. He has sent letters to individuals, with a total net increase a little over \$300,000. Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded acceptance of these new assessments; motion carried (4-0). The BOE discussed the appeal heard earlier from Jerry Swartz. Mr. Tregnago shared some additional information with the Board, correcting some information from the earlier hearing. He recommended changing the style from a 1 1/2 - story to a 1-story with partial attic finished. This would be a reduction of \$45,000 in the appraisal, taking it to \$547,340. Mr. Tregnago moved, Com. Carter seconded to make this change; motion carried (4-0).

12:35 p.m., Com. Asbury recessed the Board of Equalization until July 31.

1:20 p.m., Com. Carter reconvened the regular meeting of the Commission. Commissioners discussed the temporary employee desired by the Prosecuting Attorney. Com. Asbury suggested a Memorandum of Understanding be drawn up for auditing purposes. Commissioners discussed this with County Clerk Jim Sears. Com. Carter called Mr. Fusselman to discuss the logistics of the hire. Mr. Fusselman indicated the duration of the job would be limited. Com. Asbury suggested that for accounting purposes it would be easier for Mr. Fusselman to have the employee hired by the County, with his office reimbursing the County from the Bad Check Fund. He agreed that a brief MOU would be desirable; he will rough draft one and forward it to Com. Carter.

1:55 p.m., Com. Carter called Greg Robertson at DNR regarding the junk car situation in Cairo. She called Jerry Frans, Cairo Mayor, and left a message for a return call.

2:00 p.m., Commissioners discussed the remonumentation project.

2:05 p.m., Presiding Circuit Judge Scott Hayes returned Com. Galaske's call regarding the Juvenile Office move. A meeting was set for August 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Judge's office unless he notifies the Commission of an alternative site.

2:10 p.m., Com. Asbury suggested calling Audrain County regarding their Prosecuting Attorney staffing levels and budget. The Commission contacted Audrain Prosecuting Attorney Jason Lamb and set a meeting time for a conference call on August 2 from 11:00-11:30 a.m.

2:25 p.m., Commissioners discussed whether the Thomas Burkemper document (regarding establishment and vacation of county roads) is up-to-date. Com. Asbury suggested calling him to see how current his opinions are.

2:25 p.m., Jerry Frans called back, reporting that he spoke to the tow truck driver in Higbee who is willing to remove Prathers' junk cars in the right of way. The tow operator would like to have a deputy present or official paperwork signed by the Sheriff's office. They discussed the MoDOT/Prather case and the "ultimate goal" of Mr. Frans in this regard.

2:40 p.m., Dorinda Dameron called on behalf of the Huntsville Community Club. She indicated that the Club wants to turn over their interest in the Horse Show property to the Huntsville Horse Show Association. The cost of insurance has become prohibitive and the Community Club no longer utilizes this property. The Community Club voted to give up the property, and suggested it be turned over to the Huntsville Horse Show Association. The Commission will do some further study of this issue and consult with Margaret Louise Block.

Com. Carter called Martha Ames regarding CR 2250.

2:50 p.m., meeting was adjourned with the weekly news conference set for 3:30.

APPROVED

Randy Asbury
Susan Carter
Jim Sears