

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 31, 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.

9:15 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty called to report that improper plastic culverts had been installed near the Mutter property in the northern part of the County. Com. Galaske reported on his conversation with real estate agent Karen Hunt regarding the amount of trash in the CR 2610 and 2625 area. Com. Galaske also reported a conversation with Robert Halley about the condition of the Huntsville Courthouse. Com. Asbury reported that, according to Bill Dougherty, Steve Holman has scaffolding that might be used for replacing the light bulbs in the Justice Center.

9:35 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of Court Order 2007-18 to pay \$100 from the Thomas Hill Cemetery Fund for mowing. Commissioners studied the invoices presented for payment. Com. Asbury called Rick Howard, Maintenance and they discussed spraying for the poison ivy on the side of the Huntsville Courthouse and purchasing a large ladder for use in the Justice Center to replace light bulbs.

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

Checks 4568-4609 were signed for payment of approved invoices from the following funds: General Revenue \$14,874.79; PA Trng. \$145.00; Assmt. \$2458.98; Road & Bridge \$1,139.20 and Justice Cntr. \$5,160.45. Total amount of checks: \$21,565.42

10:55 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the minutes of July 24 with changes; motion carried (3-0). The fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$2,439 (MFA bid \$2,451) for the week of July 1-7.

11:10 a.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded approval of the minutes of July 26 with changes; motion carried (3-0).

11:15 a.m., Janet Murray, County Sanitarian came in for a scheduled appointment. Commissioners asked her about changes in enforcement of food concessions at the recent RC 4-H Fair. Mrs. Murray said the carnival vendors complained about unfair competition from local groups. Com. Carter asked her to provide copies of the regulations to the Commission. Mrs. Murray commented that the local regulations are based on national guidelines established in 2001. She offered to discuss the issue with Eric Breusch of her office and clarify the rules. Com. Asbury noted that the requirements should be reasonable and communicated to the public. Mrs. Murray added that the information was available on the website.

Commissioners also discussed with Mrs. Murray, the issue of a trailer being moved onto property next to an existing home on CR 2610 that has had nuisance issues in the past. There was some debate as to whether this was "new construction" or not, whether the lagoon met current standards, and whether "grandfathering" applied. Mrs. Murray noted that she couldn't grant a new permit because the lagoon wouldn't meet current specifications. She will make a site survey, look into what is considered "new" construction, and report back to the Commission.

11:35 a.m., Visitor Bob Bauer came in.

12:05 p.m., Walt Shields of Arming Companies, Inc. (structural steel fabricators) stopped by to leave information, noting his company is interested in bidding anytime the County needs such services.

12:30 p.m., Greg Linneman, structural engineer (LJB), and Eric Westhues (Connell Architecture) came in for a scheduled appointment to discuss the structural review of the Huntsville Courthouse. Commissioners requested Mr. Westhues' opinion on what must be taken care of right away, the anticipated cost, longevity of the building afterward, and what options should be considered. Mr. Westhues said he thought that the issue was larger than that, including wiring and communication needs to deal with anticipated growth for the next twenty plus years. He stated that the building envelope was sound, there was adequate room at this location for current personnel, and the shell is capable of lasting 50-100 years if properly maintained. He suggested removing the roof and replacing it for best managing the facility, which should be included in the budgeting process. Mr. Westhues also recommended that the boiler be replaced, and identified some minor problems that need to be taken care of sooner rather than later. He pointed out the need for more exploration of the rod bracing, whether it was moving or not, and the effect on repairs. Mr. Westhues did not think the walls were in imminent danger of collapse but that the front walls should be fixed first. Com. Asbury asked if the examination would include energy efficiency and asked what the next step should be. Mr. Westhues recommends a life cycle analysis of the building. This would include the future structural integrity of the building as well as communications, personnel needs, and other factors.

2:10 p.m., A public hearing on the tax levy was held with no citizen attending nor were any comments provided in writing. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded to set the General Revenue levy at \$0.1782 and the Road and Bridge levy at \$0.2013 for 1007.

2:10 p.m., Com. Carter recessed the regular meeting of the Commission. Com. Asbury reconvened the Board of Equalization with all three Commissioners and Assessor Richard Tregnago present. Com. Galaske moved, Assessor Tregnago seconded that the BOE be adjourned for the year; motion carried (4-0). Com. Carter reconvened the regular meeting of the Commission.

2:20 p.m., Com. Carter called Mattox Advertising to order the tan sign for the Justice Center; a check for 70% of the total amount will be sent.

2:25 p.m., Commissioners discussed the issue of remonumentation. Com. Galaske said he thought if it was done, the cost should come out of the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioners discussed the issue of CR 2696 and Com. Galaske suggested setting a cap on the amount the County is willing to spend on this project.

2:40 p.m., Jeff Webster from the Huntsville Lions Club came in at the Commission's request to discuss use of County property near the Justice Center. Mr. Webster provided some history and background into the use of the property by the Lions Club for mud runs, the Huntsville Horse Show Association, the Old Threshers, the Community Club, and harvesting of hay on the property. He apologized for the Lions Club's failure to inform the Commission about use of the property for a recent mud run. It was decided that the Lions Club would call first before scheduling any future events, such as in conjunction with Old Settler's in September.

3:10 p.m., Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded that the County purchase a large ladder for the Justice Center; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded to proceed with the remonumentation project; motion carried (2-1) with Com. Galaske dissenting.

3:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to allow the Commissioners to attend the retirement reception for Moberly Police Chief Mike Garbulski and the swearing in of the new police chief, Dennis Cupp.

APPROVED

Randy Asbury
Susan Carter
Nancy Copenhagen