

# RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 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. **9:00 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda with one addition at 9:30, Joan Joseph, 911 Coordinator, regarding an address request; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter called Ross McKinstry, Randolph County Health Department Director. He indicated that the Health Department would pursue an audit of their department for 2005 by decision of their Board of Directors. He reminded Commissioners of the upcoming Advisory Committee meeting at the RCHD. There was some discussion of emergency shelters from the heat and he will ask Barbara Dunaway to follow up on the issue. Commissioners handled correspondence. Mid Continental Restoration Company will come by in the next month to give an estimate on restoring the exterior of the Huntsville Courthouse as per the Commission's request. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of Court Order 2007-19 to sell mineral rights to land owner Eugene Scott for \$12.68 (per request of Terry Goessling); motion carried (3-0).

County Clerk Jim Sears provided the Commission with the final 2007 evaluation of property after the tax levy was established. The total increase in County assessed valuation is \$18,289,019, composed of \$16,238,950 real estate and \$2,050,069 personal property. This brings the total assessed valuation for the County for 2007 to \$327,223,013. Correspondence was received from the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments (MTRCG) to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) members that investment priorities have been submitted for funding. A survey was received from the Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce. Nancy Talley, Hazard Mitigation Specialist with MTRCG sent notice that things are progressing and committees will soon be established. Com. Carter reported a phone call from Dorinda Dameron indicating that the Community Club got a reasonable price on a new insurance policy and will continue in their possession/operation of the fair-grounds property adjacent to the Justice Center. Steve Smith of Williams Keepers, an accounting firm, called and was put on speaker phone. He reported that he did not find anything in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that requires that two county entities need to complete an audit if only one qualifies. It is his opinion that the County and the Health Department don't have to combine for an audit. He will put this in the form of a letter, citing his research, for a fee of \$200 (agreed to by Commissioners) and send it by e-mail. Barbara Dunaway from the RCHD called regarding the set up of emergency cooling shelters due to the extreme heat. She called Robert Creed (Emergency Director) who indicated that the plan had not been activated. Mrs. Dunaway will notify the media of emergency cooling shelters that are open for residents. **9:45 a.m.**,

Joan Joseph, 911 Coordinator notified Commissioners of the Legislative Interim Committee Hearing to be held in Moberly on August 15 regarding problems with 911. She also reported a request from Ron and Candace Walters for an address and assigned PR 2698 for the road designation. **9:55 a.m.**, Commissioners studied invoices presented for payment. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the invoices; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed. Checks 4765-4812 were signed for payment of approved invoices for the following funds: General Revenue \$7,170.26; Assmt. \$224.85; Road & Bridge \$17,287.46; E911 \$363.92; and JC \$19,053.45. Total amount of checks: \$44,099.94 **10:00 a.m.**, Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and David Gass with Altofer came into the meeting. Mr. Gass explained a new program offered by Caterpillar in which the dealer takes in a used motor grader and rebuilds the power train, providing the owner with a new warranty. He noted that since voters turned down a \$.14 property tax for the Common Road District, there would probably be little money to buy new graders and this would be a good way to extend the life of current equipment. The cost is roughly one third that of a new machine now and could go as little as one fourth of a new one in a few years because of price increases each year. The program was begun around 15 years ago and Associated Electric and Reed Minerals have both utilized the program. The program can result in a totally redone piece of equipment and a new serial number for tax purposes. A rebuilt power train can result in a 3-year warranty on the power train. The cost ranges from \$70,000-90,000 for the whole program and it takes about six weeks. Mr. Gass also explained the "buyback" provisions on graders. He will look at the County's equipment and get back with the Commission. **10:25 a.m.**, Barbara Dunaway of the RCHD called back to report that emergency "cooling" shelters are set up and all of the media outlets have been alerted.

**11:00 a.m.**, the fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$2.275 (MFA bid \$2.327) for the week of August 8-15. Commissioners discussed what would be needed to get the Moberly Courthouse ready for the Juvenile Office to move in. **11:30 a.m.**, Larry White, Special Road District Supervisor, dropped by. Commissioners informed him of the August 16 discussion of the proposed road policies manual. **12:10 p.m.**, Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of August 3 with changes; motion carried (3-0).

**12:15 p.m.** several department heads arrived for a discussion of the condition of the Huntsville Courthouse: Sheriff Mark Nichols, Acting Chief Deputy Pat Thomas, Coroner Gerald Luntsford, Assessor Richard Tregnago, Collector Sheila Miller, Treasurer Becky Brown, and Recorder Mark Price. Com. Carter explained the estimates given by the structural inspection for basic repairs on the shell of the structure to be around \$80,000-100,000 including cost of the boiler. Com. Asbury noted that there is no regular maintenance in the current budget. Com. Galaske explained how much has been spent on the building to "patch" things, indicating the County can't continue this way. It is his opinion that the County can't get out of debt and keep the Huntsville Courthouse functioning. Sheriff Nichols noted that if you fix an old building, you still have an old building. Com. Asbury explained some of the options available in the Randolph County Health Department building. The feasibility and legality of a temporary move to Moberly were discussed. **1:15 p.m.**, other department heads left and Commissioners and Assessor Luntsford continued with his quarterly budget review. Mr. Luntsford reported that six months into his budget, he has had to conduct eight autopsies (at \$1300 each) and one toxicology test. The budgeted amount for the year is \$7,000. He indicated he would like to have a deputy coroner in the future which would require additional funds for training. Commissioners discussed with Mr. Luntsford his upcoming move to the basement of the Moberly Courthouse and commended him for his willingness to act in the best interests of the County in spite of the inconvenience to him. **1:45 p.m.**, the meeting was recessed and Commissioners joined Bill Dougherty for a site inspection of County Road 1150 off of Route F to determine if a stretch of asphalt road should be maintained as a hard surface or converted back to a gravel road. Enroute, Com. Galaske received a call from Michael Purol of Great Rivers Engineering reporting on the cost of extending the asphalt-ing project on old Highway 63 south of Renick. Commissioners said they would review the information and get back to him after the road inspection.

After arriving at CR 1150, the stretch of asphalt was measured at 3/10 of a mile. On either side of the asphalt, the road is gravel. The short section of asphalt is in need of repair in the near future. Commissioners agreed with Mr. Dougherty's recommendation that the asphalt stretch should be converted to gravel.

**2:30 p.m.**, the meeting reconvened at the Huntsville Courthouse after the road inspection. Commissioners discussed the old Highway 63 project and the new information received from Mr. Purol. The cost of a 2.3-mile overlay would be \$296,953, an increase over the original one-mile amount of \$133,066 with 25 working days added to the contract. Proceeds from the sale of surplus Road and Bridge Equipment made possible the added expenditure. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded to proceed with the change order for the paving project south of Renick; motion carried (3-0).

Com. Galaske reported information he received from Heddinghaus Sheet Metal on work needed at the Moberly Courthouse to accommodate the Juvenile Office. He also left a message for Bob Long at NEMO Electric to set up a time to review electrical needs. Com. Carter called Chief Juvenile Officer Tena Houston regarding the office's telephone requirements. Assessor Richard Tregnago, Treasurer Becky Brown, and Recorder Mark Price stopped in to set up budget review times for Thursday.

**3:40 p.m.**, the meeting was adjourned.

*Susan Carter*  
*Randy Asbury*

*Jim Sears*