

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 30, 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 County Clerk.

**9:10 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0).

Tony Stuart, Robert Stone, and Candace Walters (homeowner of new house in the area) stopped in regarding CR 2696. They reported that they could obtain an easement from Donald Curtis. They will also have to pay for a survey and easements and will try to recoup costs from Brian Blumhagen. Mr. Stuart believes the path of the road is correct until it takes a turn at the tree and indicated he can't tell exactly how much the Curtis land was infringed upon until the survey is done. Commissioners reiterated that the County would supply the gravel and the culverts. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Stone expect they will need three culverts and would like the County to deliver them as soon as possible. Commissioners called Bill Dougherty to inform him.

**9:55 a.m.**, Representatives of Producers Choice Soy Energy Board (Matt Brownfield, Jim Beckley, and Deanne Hackman) arrived as did invited guests Moberly Mayor Don Burton and Economic Development Director Russell Runge. Also present were visitors Ted Sander and Larry Sander. Matt Brownfield presented the plan for establishing a crushing facility and bio-diesel plant. The Board is considering Shelby County or Randolph County for the location of the facility. Mr. Beckley explained the mechanical crushing process. The Board's main consideration is to have ready markets in the area for the by product which is good livestock feed. Needs for labor pool and transportation (access to rail and major highway) were discussed as were possible sites, wages, timeline, permitting process, hazards of production, effects on environment, and utility needs.

Mr. Brownfield explained the approval procedure and detailed the construction plans. He estimated there would be 20-25 employees needed, with increases to 50 possible later. Ms. Hackman indicated they hoped to be operating in 11 months, in time for the 2008 crop and must be online by March 2009. The Board plans an equity drive beginning in mid September and hopes to select a site in about two weeks. They discussed various sites under consideration. Russell Runge stressed that the location needs to be inside the Moberly city limits to meet infrastructure needs (water and sewer). Com. Carter stated that the Commission would discuss the issue with the City of Moberly and Economic Development and all could come together next Tuesday at a location to be determined.

**10:00 a.m.**, Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor and County Clerk Jim Sears came in. Only one bid was received for the hopper spreader from G & M Supply for \$8,445, with 45-60 day delivery. Commissioners asked Mr. Dougherty to investigate the model and report back.

**11:20 a.m.**, Com. Carter left the meeting to attend an agricultural event with Senator McCaskill at the Circle A Ranch north of Huntsville.

**12:30 p.m.**, Com. Carter returned. Com. Galaske called Todd Kelly with Titian Consulting concerning setting up a repository for e-mails. Mr. Kelly will come on Tuesday to begin the process. Bill Dougherty reported back on the spreader. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded that the bid for \$8,445 from G & M be accepted; motion carried (3-0) and Mr. Dougherty was instructed to proceed with the purchase.

**1:00 p.m.**, Commissioners discussed Com. Asbury's tally of areas where additional expenses have been incurred that were not in the 2007 budget. His analysis of the over budgeted items for General Revenue as of this date shows an amount of \$16,424.

**1:10 p.m.**, Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the minutes of August 28 with changes; motion carried (2-0) with Com. Asbury abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

Correspondence received included: (1) the Burkemper Law firm responded to a request for a review of Randolph County's new road standards and included an invoice for work of \$945 (2) bid for painting from Connor Decorating (3) a letter from Attorney Ivan Schraeder responding to Com. Galaske's request for an opinion as to whether the County can include cell phones in the tax on land lines (answer no) (4) a letter from the State of Missouri regarding relocating the state computer for the Juvenile Office move with a cost estimate of \$1,925.99 (5) a copy of the lease for Coroner Gerald Luntsford's office from the Randolph County Health Department, for \$72 a month through the end of 2007.

**1:15 p.m.**, Commissioners called John Cochran of Valentine Insurance to inquire about extending liability insurance for Coroner Luntsford to the new building. Commissioners will fax the lease to Valentine Insurance. Mr. Cochran also reported that MoPERM did some appraisals on buildings and he will meet with the Commission to share that information next week.

**1:25 p.m.**, Assessor Richard Tregnago stopped by and Commissioners informed him that Jerry Swartz called and will be stopping by regarding the appeal of the assessment of his home. Commissioners discussed bids for work in the Moberly Courthouse in anticipation of the Juvenile Office move.

**2:00 p.m.**, Jerry Swartz dropped by to discuss his intent to appeal his assessment to the Missouri Tax Commission. His claim is that an increase of 15% or more in assessed valuation should have been done by a physical on-site inspection. Bob Bauer stopped by briefly.

**2:35 p.m.**, Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded to accept the bid from Willy's Painting and Decorating for the Moberly Courthouse for \$5,945 (Conner's bid was \$6,237); motion carried (3-0). Commissioners called both parties to notify them of this action. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded to accept the bid from Art's for carpeting for \$1,878 (Miller's Flooring bid \$2,092); motion carried (3-0) and the parties were called to notify them of this action. A change order for both bids will need to be made for the additional room in the basement, which will need carpet and paint.

**3:30 p.m.**, the meeting was adjourned for the weekly news conference. Mike Lear (KWIX) jointed by phone and Janet Morales (Monitor-Index) was present.

APPROVED

*Randy Asbury*  
*Susan Carter*  
*Don Glass*