

**RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 13, 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.

**9:15 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners reported on several issues. Carpet has been ordered and Willy's has started painting at the Moberly Courthouse. Com. Carter informed Jerry Foster and Ted Sander about the stop sign request at CR 1430 and 1450. She also talked to Circle A Ranch about setting up a tour. Com. Carter checked with Russell Runge regarding the soy bio-diesel plant; he reported that he would be meeting with the group's lawyer and a railroad representative to assess sites, including the old ADM site. Com. Asbury reported a call from Elvira Cunningham on CR 2210 regarding maintenance and he contacted Bill Dougherty. Solomon Boilerworks called and they will be at the Huntsville Courthouse today to begin work on installing a boiler.

**9:45 a.m.**, Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of September 11 with changes; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners called Winkler Communications regarding the phone system in the Moberly Courthouse. Com. Carter reported she had contacted KWIX, the Monitor-Index and a Renick town board member (who then contacted the schools) regarding the closure of Old Highway 63 for resurfacing.

**10:00 a.m.**, Tony DeLong from Missouri Extension arrived to help the Commission in setting goals and planning for the future needs of the County. Com. Carter explained that the County has needs for both buildings and operating expenses. Many other needs were also discussed, including maintenance, additional prosecuting staff, additional law enforcement, increased salaries, the deficit in 911, etc. Com. Asbury outlined for Mr. DeLong the budget situation of the County over the last three years, including the current tax rates and recent changes.

Mr. DeLong indicated that the Commission is asking the right questions. He thinks an assessment of "capital" would be helpful, consisting of community, natural, cultural, human, financial, political, social, and built capital. In other words, what does the County "have" and what does it need to "build."

**11:20 a.m.**, the meeting was recessed so all Commissioners could attend the Old Settlers' luncheon.

**1:00 p.m.** the meeting reconvened without the deputy clerk, so Com. Carter recorded the minutes. Commissioners continued the discussion with Tony DeLong on strategic planning for the County.

**1:10 p.m.**, Winkler Communications called for the fax number to send a bid for phone installation in the Moberly Courthouse for the Juvenile Office.

**1:40 p.m.**, Peggy Boots called to relay a question from the Moberly Fire Department asking who the contact person is for the Moberly Courthouse in case of fire. Com. Carter will call Dennis Stanley. Ashley from Public Administrator Glenda Winkler's office called to report that the Moberly Fire Department inspected the Moberly Courthouse and found three areas of concern. She is sending the report via Gerald Luntsford.

Tony Stuart and Robert Stone dropped in to discuss the latest developments regarding CR 2696. They said they now have utility easements to get utilities to the Walters' home, which is under construction. However, the easement is not along the current road, as they still don't know where the road should be. They believe they can get another easement from property owners south of the Curtis land so they could put in another road that would be surveyed and legal and they wouldn't have to use the Curtis property. Com. Asbury asked what they estimated the labor cost would be to put in a road. Mr. Stuart estimated it might be as much as \$7,000. Mr. Stone and Mr. Stuart thought they could buy the land that the road is now on from the Curtises, survey it, then could put the road in and the County could maintain it with a turnaround for busses or graders. They will check all this out and the Commission will consult with Bill Dougherty and Engineer Michael Purol before a successive meeting on September 18.

**2:30 p.m.**, Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded acceptance of the Winkler Communications bid to put phones in the Moberly Courthouse for \$4,350.00; motion carried (3-0). Coroner Gerald Luntsford arrived with the Moberly Fire Department inspection report of the Moberly Courthouse.

**2:45 p.m.**, Com. Carter faxed a letter to Commerce Bank in Kansas City regarding the monthly waterfall account transfer.

**2:45 p.m.**, Deputy Clerk Copenhaver resumed taking minutes. Com. Carter called Winkler Communications and they indicated materials needed (for the phone system in the Moberly Courthouse) were "on order."

**2:50 p.m.**, Com. Carter called Attorney Jay Kimmons for an update on the legal situation with the Collet lawsuit. He indicated the correct figure for the judgment is \$48,000 as determined by Associate Circuit Judge Cynthia Suter on August 27. Mr. Kimmons will get back to the Commission after the time has expired for any possible appeal to be filed.

**3:00 p.m.**, Coroner Gerald Luntsford stopped by to check on the contract and payment for his recently relocated office in the RC Health Department. He also discussed his need for a copier with Commissioners.

Com. Carter called Fireman Dennis Stanley who had requested information about a "contact person" in the Moberly Courthouse. She informed him that Chief Juvenile Officer Tena Houston would be the contact after the move is complete. Com. Carter also informed him that those things indicated on his inspection report (of the Moberly Courthouse) would be taken care of.

Com. Asbury mentioned the need for a budget amendment in the near future.

**3:20 p.m.**, Mike Lear from KWIX called, as he was unable to get away for the news conference.

**3:30 p.m.**, Janet Morales from the Monitor-Index arrived for the news conference.

**3:45 p.m.**, the meeting was adjourned.

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