

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 27, 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.

9:30 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the agenda with the addition of discussion of the bid for landscaping around the Justice Center sign to be included under Old Business; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter reported the receipt of an insurance check for over \$31,000 from MoPERM, for the water damage at the JC. A bid was received from NEMO Electric for \$1,280 to run electricity to the control panel for the chopper pumps at the JC. Last week's fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$2,814 (MFA bid \$2,815) for the week of November 21-27 by County Clerk Jim Sears in the absence of a Commission meeting that week.

9:50 a.m., Tony DeLong with MU Extension returned a call to Com. Asbury and they discussed progress of the interviews being conducted for the strategic planning and obtaining salary comparisons with other third-class counties. Linda Davis from the Prosecuting Attorney's office called with a price for possible storage of old records at a building on North Morley.

9:55 a.m., Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the minutes of November 15 as corrected; motion carried (3-0). Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of the closed session on November 16; motion carried (3-0).

10:00 a.m., County resident Jim McCubbins stopped in to inquire about moving his driveway entrance and was referred to the County Clerk's office. The fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$2,883 (MFA bid \$2,898) for the week of November 28-December 4.

10:10 a.m., Com. Asbury left the meeting to catch a plane for an out-of-state business trip.

10:15 a.m., The following people arrived for a meeting to deal with railroad crossings/bridges in the Higbee area: Don Schwartze, Railroad Safety Specialist Multimodal Operations of MoDOT; Mike Van Tiem, signal project engineer from Kansas City Southern Railroad; Amy Crawford, Senior Traffic Studies Engineer with MoDOT; James Odom, Senior Railroad Safety Specialist Multimodal Operations with MoDOT; Roy Hogsett and Ron Watts, District Liaison Planning with MoDOT; Ann Spillman, Higbee city clerk, and Chuck Bankhead, representing Higbee in the absence of Mayor Charla Bankhead; and Michael Purol, County engineering consultant.

Participants discussed the possible closure of the crossing at Randolph Street in Higbee and upgrading the crossing at Route B. Higbee wants improvement to the railroad bridge east of Higbee to allow for emergency vehicles, school buses, etc. It was noted that in 2002, money was allocated, the City of Higbee was not opposed to the changes, but nothing was ever done. All present expressed a desire to see progress be made in this area in 2008. Discussions included availability of BRO funds, using a tunnel-type format to replace the two bridges over the railroad which are steep and one-lane, transferring of ownership of completed structures to the County, phasing in of the construction, and very general preliminary estimates of cost. Com. Galaske said he would like to see improvements on both railroad bridges as part of the plan. It was agreed that railroad representatives will put numbers together and all will return on January 29 at 10:30 to assess possible solutions to these issues. Mr. Van Tiem will e-mail specifications to Mr. Purol before the next meeting.

12:45 p.m., Jim Todd came in to discuss fixing the brick on the Moberly Courthouse where the gutter comes down. He estimates about \$500 for an inspection and tuck-pointing around the downspout. Com. Carter returned a call to PA Mike Fusselman with storage suggestions for files. Paul Delaney called from the Presiding Circuit Judge's office to request an additional set of keys for the Moberly Courthouse.

1:15 p.m., Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded acceptance of NEMO Electric's proposal for \$1,280 to revise the electricity for the chopper pumps at the Justice Center; motion carried (2-0). Commissioners called Lee's Lawn Care for more information on their quote for landscaping materials for the Justice Center.

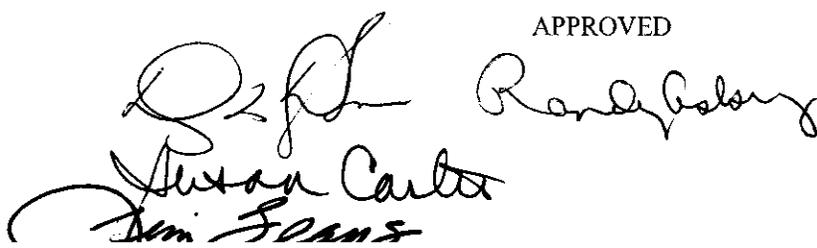
Correspondence received: Commissioners are invited to Drug Court Graduation at 10:00 a.m. on December 5, the YMCA grand opening at 10:00 a.m. on November 30, the Juvenile Office open house from 11:00-1:00 on December 7, and noted that the Commission will be hosting the Road and Bridge Department for doughnuts at 7:00 a.m. on December 20 and holding an open house in the Commission Chambers of the Huntsville Courthouse all that day. A letter was received from the Missouri Department of Revenue indicating an adjustment would be made in the cost of collection to be assessed to the County for 2006-2007, spread out over 32 month period beginning with the November distribution. Treasurer Becky Brown estimated the amount would be around \$39,000 out of Road and Bridge Fund.

Payroll Clerk Carol Summers came in to remind the Commission that a decision needs to be made regarding CERF benefits by December 1. Linda Davis from the PA office called back to say that the storage space at the RC Sheltered Workshop would be satisfactory.

Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded that \$930 be allowed for Lee's Lawn Care to landscape around the sign at the Justice Center; motion carried (2-0).

2:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to a work session.

APPROVED


Randy Asbury
Susan Carter
Jim Sears