

**RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**December 6, 2007**

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville Courthouse with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, and Nancy Copenhaver, Deputy County Clerk. Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner was out of state on business.

**9:00 a.m.**, Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of the revised agenda; motion carried (2-0). Deputy County Clerk Eve Bagby came in to ask about billing for the storage of Prosecuting Attorney files. Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty stopped by to report that his department is ready for the inclement weather being predicted.

**9:30 a.m.**, Prosecuting Attorney Mike Fusselman called regarding the rental charge for the leased storage space at the Randolph County Sheltered Workshop. He also suggested that the Randolph County Health Department needs to hire their own legal counsel for the transfer the ownership of their building since he represents the County.

**9:40 a.m.**, Jennifer Fenton, Victim Advocate, came in with a revision in the Violence Against Women grant. She has received tentative award of the grant but forms must be in by December 14; the budget cut is about 5%. Mrs. Fenton also did a revision of the VOCA grant reducing volunteer hours supplemented with office space. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded to approve the budget change of about \$4,000; motion carried (2-0) and Com. Carter signed the document.

County Clerk Jim Sears came in to inform the Commission that he will cut a check next week for the December, January, and February rent for storage of Prosecuting Attorney files.

**9:50 a.m.**, Rick Howard came in for his weekly meeting. Commissioners discussed plans for snow removal routine with him, and gave him "no parking" signs to install in the parking lot at the Moberly Courthouse. Mr. Howard reported no bid yet from Self Plumbing and that Bob and Kirby Long have started the electrical work at the Justice Center. Commissioners explained to Mr. Howard what Solomon Boiler Works recommended regarding the thermostats in the Huntsville courthouse.

**10:30 a.m.**, Sheriff Mark Nichols came in. Commissioners and the Sheriff discussed situation regarding Proposition B mandates on overtime pay for deputies and the budgeting problem this presents. They also discussed possibly proposing to Macon County a special deal to house all of their inmates for a flat fee. Sheriff Nichols also reported talking to Secure-us regarding possible changing of phone service next September. Currently the Department is collecting only 23% rather than 35%. Sheriff Nichols will be taking proposals and bring a contract to the Commission in the future. He is investigating utilizing a phone card system since cell phones don't accept inmate collect calls. He is also investigating doing laundry in house. Sheriff Nichols also had a question about his budget regarding money coming in for a grant for radios but his expenditures showing a negative balance.

Self Plumbing send an estimate for work at the Justice Center for \$35,200.

**11:05 a.m.**, John Cochran from Valentine Insurance came in with Jeff Schoenekase from Principal Insurance. Assessor Richard Tregnago and County Clerk Jim Sears were present for the discussion. Discussed was the Principal Reimbursement Account (PRA) as explained by Mr. Schoenekase. Mr. Sears expressed concern that employees not pay a higher cost for insurance to cover added expenses of the County.

**12:25 p.m.**, Com. Galaske moved, Com. Carter seconded approval of the invoices presented for payment; motion carried (2-0) and checks were signed. Commissioners set a public hearing for comments on new County Road and Bridge policies for 11 a.m. on December 20.

Checks 6246-6310 were signed for payment of approved invoices for the following funds: General Revenue \$16,506.36; LE Trng. \$171.00; Assmt. \$3,087.70; Road & Bridge \$26,666.62; Elec Service \$100.00; Rec Tech \$250.00 and JC \$30,842.68. Total amount of checks: \$77,624.36

**12:40 p.m.**, Com. Carter called Magic City and Agee Plumbing and left messages soliciting bids for the jail plumbing project.

**1:00 p.m.**, the meeting adjourned and Commissioners stayed for a work session.

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Presiding Commissioner

  
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Eastern District Commissioner

  
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County Clerk