

**RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 17, 2008**

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, with the moving of the meeting with Dave Gass to January 21 at 10:00; motion carried (3-0). The Commission will be meeting in work session on Monday, January 21 to continue work on the budget.

**9:15 a.m.**, Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of January 10 meeting with corrections; motion carried (3-0). Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of the January 15 meeting with corrections; motion carried (3-0). Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of the January 16 meeting; motion carried (3-0).

Com. Galaske reported on the Sheriff's sale held on January 16 for the burned-out property at 1041 CR 2365. Attorney Jay Kimmons entered the opening bid for the County of \$10,000 which was the appraised value. Two bidders were present with neither willing to bid higher. Therefore the County was granted possession of the property.

Commissioners read and handled correspondence.

**9:45 a.m.**, Com. Asbury called Rick Howard, Maintenance, to ask for budget information. They discussed current maintenance issues.

**10:20 a.m.**, Michael Purol, County engineering consultant, came in to report on his tour of County roads to assess conditions. He reported driving on CR 2210, 2245, 2870, 2860, 2220. He requested traffic count figures on gravel roads and was given the last report dated 2005. Com. Asbury gave Mr. Purol the information that Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty wants on the maintenance log his department employees will begin keeping soon. Mr. Purol noted that the high traffic count gravel roads are difficult to maintain, especially at higher speeds. Vandalism by residents "muddin" in the ditches also tears up gravel roads. Commissioners briefly discussed the possibility of enacting an ordinance to prohibit "muddin."

Mr. Purol noted that last winter was the worst year for roads in a decade and this year may be even worse, due in part to the extremes of temperature. He pointed out that increasing population and drivers on roads suggest a need to require reinstatement of the road levy. Mr. Purol will put a draft report together that explains maintenance of rural roads for purposes of explaining to County citizens needs in this area. In his opinion, Randolph County has the population and traffic—the County needs a larger budget to support them.

Dale Tipton called regarding poor road conditions on CR 2910 and 2913.

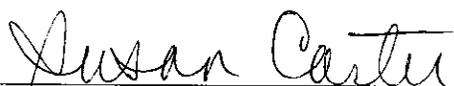
**11:00 a.m.**, J. W. Ballinger called to thank the Commission for speaking to Kiwanis on Wednesday, and informed them of several economic development issues. Com. Carter responded to Sallie Red's letter published in a recent Moberly Monitor-Index regarding road conditions.

Commissioners continued work on the budget for 2008.

**1:45 p.m.**, Com. Carter left the meeting to attend a 2:00 p.m. 911 Joint Commission Meeting at the Randolph County Ambulance District.

**3:30 p.m.**, Com. Carter returned. The meeting was adjourned and Commissioners continued in work session on the budget until 6:30 p.m.

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Presiding Commissioner

  
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Eastern District Commissioner

  
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County Clerk