

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Commission convened at the Huntsville with the following present: Susan Carter, Presiding Commissioner, Doug Galaske, Eastern District Commissioner, Randy Asbury, Western District Commissioner, and Nancy Copenhagen, 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 read and handled correspondence. Linda Walker called about her contract for cleaning County buildings. It has expired but Com. Carter asked her to continue at the same rate for another month until the County gets information from the Division of Labor about complying with prevailing wage.

9:25 a.m., Com. Asbury moved, Com. Carter seconded approval of the payroll invoices; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed. Com. Carter reported her conversations with various entities (Michael Purol, Ron Watts, Don Schwartze) regarding the railroad derailment and collapse of the railroad bridge east of Higbee. Com. Asbury reported on his attendance at the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) last evening. Com. Carter and Com. Galaske reported on their trip to Jefferson City on Monday to lobby the legislature regarding adequate compensation to counties for housing state prisoners.

9:30 a.m., Commissioners shared road concerns they had received with Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor. The need to contact the pipeline about road damage from heavy use was discussed. Sherry Russell had reported a culvert caving in on CR 1635. Bill Mealy called about CR 2860.

10:05 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the minutes of February 28 with changes; motion carried (3-0). Jim Blakely called about the dust problem on CR 1450 (road to Timberlake Golf Course) during the summer. Commissioners noted that it is in the special road district but informed Mr. Blakely how to use a petition from neighbors to request a speed limit be established on the road.

Correspondence received included the signed intergovernmental agreement with Moberly Economic Development, which will be forwarded to County Clerk Jim Sears to issue a check. An invoice was received from Wasson Land surveying for remonumentation for \$2,000, which will be forwarded to DNR for the reimbursement of one-half the amount.

10:05 a.m., Richard Hoffman stopped in to observe. He commented on conditions on CR 1190. County residents called about CR 2890 and CR 2860. Rex Smarr, insurance agent, called and Commissioners will call him back to schedule a meeting in about a month.

11:05 a.m., Jim Steinhauser of T & J's Restoration and Waterproofing called to report his findings on his examination of the exterior masonry of the Huntsville Courthouse. In his opinion, it is structurally good but needs attention such as caulking around windows. Moisture has gotten behind the bricks, causing some brick faces to fall off. Mr. Steinhauser suggests tuck pointing, replacing some bricks (perhaps 400-500), some work around stone in the front, some regrouting, and waterproofing the whole building. Com. Carter asked him to send a written estimate, itemized by job. Com. Asbury asked what annual maintenance would be necessary if the above work were completed and Mr. Steinhauser indicated that waterproofing every 7-10 years at a cost around \$3,000 should be sufficient.

Com. Asbury phoned Monty Little about leasing the reclaimer for road maintenance and an appointment was set for Thursday at 10:00. Commissioners discussed cleaning up the property on CR 2365. The fuel bid was awarded to Brownfield Oil for \$3,107 (MFA sent no bid) for the week of March 5-12. Circuit Clerk Peggy Boots called to request use of a couple of the shelving units in the Moberly Courthouse basement; Commissioners told her to take what she needed.

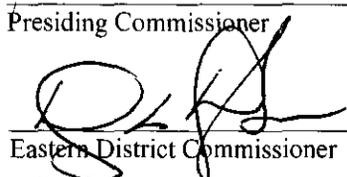
11:55 a.m., David Cheek, Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, came in. He is the new Transportation Planner/Community Development Specialist in an eight-county area. He is traveling to each county to meet people and seek input on needs and "wish lists" of the counties, particularly safety concerns that need to be addressed. Commissioners mentioned the need for a comprehensive plan for the southern part of the County to facilitate the project with the Junction Development Group, the services of Kelly Henderson from Great Rivers Engineering, the use of a "reclaimer" to help rebuild gravel roads and improve ditching and drainage. Mr. Cheek indicated that funds available are pretty much in the "maintenance mode" and small projects are most likely to received funding. Lighting/safety features at three "turnoffs" from Highway 63 at Clark, Renick, and Cairo were mentioned along with another rail crossing (overpass) on South Morley in Moberly. Mr. Cheek requested an e-mailed list of County needs/wishes.

12:45 p.m., the meeting adjourned and Commissioners left with Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty to observe road conditions and the collapsed railroad bridge near Higbee.

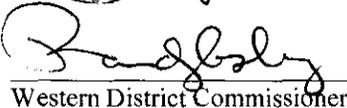
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Presiding Commissioner



Eastern District Commissioner



Western District Commissioner



County Clerk