

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 1, 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 Copenhaver, Deputy County Clerk.

9:10 a.m., Com. Carter called the meeting to order. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the agenda with a change of time for the Day of Prayer; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners reviewed the Receipt Edit Report from Treasurer Becky Brown. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded approval of Court Orders 2008-13 through 2008-16 for erroneous assessments in the amount of -\$56.91, -\$4922.39, +\$177.61, +\$4,633.64; motion carried (3-0).

9:20 a.m., Commissioners reviewed the invoices submitted for payment. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the invoices; motion carried (3-0) and checks were signed. Checks 8156-8181 were signed for payment of approved invoices for the following funds: General Revenue \$2,397.05; Assmt. \$220.95; Road & Bridge \$5,387.10; Sheriff \$9047.83; E911 \$1,275.76 and JC \$2,742.14. Total amount of checks: \$21,070.83

Road and Bridge Supervisor Bill Dougherty called with a request from Jim Rolls at Associated Electric for assistance in grading the road being returned to the County. Because Associated does not have the proper equipment, Commissioners offered to have the R & B crew do the work in appreciation of its "good neighbor" Associated Electric.

9:35 a.m., Jeff Manion, carpet installer, arrived at the Justice Center and called the Commission. Com. Asbury and Com Galaske left to meet with him to assess the job. Correspondence received included a job application for R & B, and a letter from Ramaker and Associates, Inc., with an invitation to comment under Section 106 on the proposed Crossroads Wireless Holding LLC tower.

10:10 a.m., Com. Galaske and Com. Asbury returned the meeting reconvened. Com. Galaske called Mr. Dougherty to request help from R & B employees to move furniture out of the Justice Center on May 2 and back in on May 7 to accommodate the carpet installation. Com. Carter moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of the expenditure of \$150 for the Commission to attend the Regional Economic Development workshop on July 25 in Shelby County; motion carried (3-0). Com. Carter called Francine Nichols to reschedule the meeting regarding Big Brothers, Big Sisters from May 8 because the Courthouse is closed for Truman's Birthday.

10:25 a.m., Sheriff Mark Nichols and Chief Deputy Nevin Turner came in to discuss personnel. Steve Holman was unable to attend as he is in the hospital, and a number of inmates were reported to be ill with a roto virus. Com. Asbury requested a detailed list of the Justice Center expenses thus far this year to help in the discussion. Mr. Turner reported having a great deal of difficulty keeping staffing up. The average daily inmate census in April was 79. Mr. Turner indicated that the Sheriff's Department is understaffed for the job they are doing, needing a minimum of 4 employees in the jail and 4 for patrol and additional assignments. Sheriff Nichols indicated the purpose of today's visit was to seek additional positions in the jail. He wants two part-time, permanent positions at an hourly pay of \$10.82 with no benefits, working approximately 24-32 hours per week. If trained, these employees could eventually walk into full time positions later.

Commissioners inquired about availability of prospective employees, impact on the budget, out of County revenue from boarding for other counties, possible purchase of additional beds, cutting back on the deputy side, and how the Justice Center balance would look at the end of the year with this change. Com. Asbury also asked Sheriff Nichols to put together specifications for bidding the food services in the jail. Commissioners will discuss the request and get back to the Sheriff quickly.

11:30 a.m., Dodie McLean stopped by regarding the mowing contract. Com. Asbury moved, Com. Galaske seconded authorizing Com. Carter to sign a contract with McLean Cemetery Care Services; motion carried (3-0) and Com. Carter signed the contract.

11:40 a.m., Com. Carter moved, Com. Galaske seconded the approval of CO 2008-03 for \$100 to Charles Belsher from the Johnson Cemetery Fund for motion; motion carried (3-0).

11:45 a.m., the meeting recessed to allow Commissioners to attend the National Day of Prayer event in Moberly.

2:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened at the Huntsville Courthouse. Commissioners handled correspondence.

2:15 p.m., M'liss from Sanders Decorating called to inquire about the cove base for the carpet installation. She was informed that Kelley Klean would provide it. Commissioners will check on it and tell the installer.

2:30 p.m., Bill Dougherty, Road and Bridge Supervisor, stopped in to discuss moving the Justice Center furniture after the carpet is installed. Commissioners reviewed the budget and staffing information in relation to the Sheriff's request for additional jail help.

3:15 p.m., Commissioners spoke to Jeff Nelson about his request to widen an exit at Highway Z to accommodate his tractor-trailer.

3:30 p.m., the meeting recessed for the weekly news conference with Janet Morales from the Monitor-Index. Mike Lear, KWIX did not attend.

4:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened and Commissioners continued to review the Sheriff's request for additional jail staff. Com. Galaske moved, Com. Asbury seconded approval of a part-time hire for the jail, through the end of August, to help the Sheriff's Department get through vacations and sick days; motion carried (3-0). Commissioners called Sheriff Nichols to inform him. Commissioners will have a KWIX interview at 8:30 a.m. on May 6, followed by a reception at NECAC at 10:00 a.m. so will not be in session until 10:30 a.m.

4:35 p.m., the meeting adjourned.

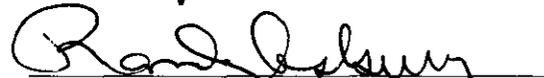
APPROVED



Presiding Commissioner



Eastern District Commissioner



Western District Commissioner



County Clerk