

**OCTOBER 3, 2005 THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY  
OF THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in Associate II Circuit Courtroom at 9:04 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. Ron Herschend, Western District was absent. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

The prayer was led by Chuck Pennel followed by the pledge.

**ROAD PETITIONS  
LILLIAN ROAD, FRITZ ROAD, MINOR ROAD, PAW PAW LANE**

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion for the county to take in Lillian Road, Fritz Road, Minor Road, and Paw Paw Lane as Class 6 county roads and maintain them as needed. Pennel explained that all of these roads are part of an old petition. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pennel then stated that Lillian Road is a through road that connects Glory Road and Sundown Road. Pennel explained that the county is already responsible for maintaining a portion of Paw Paw Lane, so the motion is to include the rest of the road.

Commissioner Strahan stated that several of these roads are through roads and connecting roads so the county should either take them in or build cul-de-sacs for county equipment to turn around.

The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

**OCTOBER 2005 TAX LEVY SUBCLASS**

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion for Taney County to opt out of the Tax Levy Subclass pursuant to RSMo 137.073, for the October 2005 tax year.

Sheila Wyatt, Collector explained that the statute gives the county revision to opt out of the tax levy subclass after October 1 for the next tax year. Wyatt further stated that the statute is unclear whether the county has to opt out every year, or if they can opt out and then make a new motion if they want to opt back in. So to be safe the county will have to address this issue every year until the statute is revised. Wyatt added that it is the counties intent to opt out completely and that one levy is set for both personal property, agricultural, and real property for each entity in the county.

Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

**PRIOR MINUTES**

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to table the minutes until he has had a chance to read them. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

### **ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve accounts payable warrants # 91158-91282 and manual warrant # 4400. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. Pennel expressed his appreciation to Mike Scofield for getting a grant to pay victims back for damage done by juveniles. Pennel added that the grant was for \$20,000 and \$10,000 have already been used for residents of Christian and Taney County.

The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

### **MAX LYTLE**

Max Lytle, OACAC addressed the Commission regarding funding for the affordable housing study done in Taney County. Lytle explained that the study showed a need in the county for 1800 affordable housing units with a rent of \$455 or less per month. Lytle stated that a local developer has 5 or 6 acres of ground for a development and that Taney County has been designated a Difficult to Develop Area (DDA), which means tax credit is available from the state, to developers in the area. Lytle added that OACAC is looking for support from the county to hold development costs down and requested a 10-year abatement from the county.

Rick Huffman, HCW Development Co. stated that the deadline for tax credit is due no later than October 26 at the Department of Economic Development. Huffman added that plans for a 100 unit affordable housing complex are waiting to be sent to the state and that a support letter from the county would be helpful to send along with the plans.

Bob Paulson, County Counselor asked if Huffman has gotten approval from the Sewer District for the plans. Huffman stated that they have gotten approval. Paulson also suggested looking into the possibility of bonding to help with the project.

Commissioner Strahan asked if there are any print layouts of the units. Huffman explained that a full set of plans has been submitted to the Department of Economic Development and that they are already being revised. Strahan expressed that he would like to see the prints before making any final decisions but is in support of the (low-income) housing. It was decided that a support letter would be sent for the state as soon as Commissioner Strahan has seen the plans.

### **ROAD VACATION TOM MOTLEY**

Tom Motley addressed the Commission on behalf of the Russle Family in regards to the vacation of their road at the end of Como Ave. Motley explained that the Russle's would like to have one area of their road vacated and want to give the county a portion of the road for a cul-de-sac.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel read the following road petition: Before the County Commission of Taney County Missouri.

Tom Motley added that the petition has been published in two newspapers, 15 days prior to today pursuant to RSMo 71.270 and is a public road not private. A general discussion ensued. Motley asked that the Commission please contact him if they should have any further questions or comments regarding this road vacation.

### **RECESS**

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion to recess. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

Minutes taken and typed by: Hillary Bargman