

OFFICIAL MINUTES

**December 7, 2009, 31st DAY OF
THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in The Commissioner's Hearing Room at 9:00AM with, Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

Chuck Pennel opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the minutes for November 30. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Pennel moved to approve Accounts Payable as follows:

Checks: 3174222 –317512

Warrants: 5125 - 5131

Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve check #317056 since we have received approval from the IDA Board. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: in favor Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye) and opposed Pennel (nay).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Dooley of Kissee Mills reminded everyone of a meeting on funding senior activities under house bill 351. The meeting will be at 1 PM on Thursday 12/10/09 at the Branson Community Center.

Mike Zimmerman of HDR/Archer said he is here to speak concerning Venice on the Lake project, later on the Agenda.

IDA – CLEAN WATER COMMISSION UPDATE – RON HOUSEMAN

Ron Houseman reported on the meeting last week in Jefferson City and said that our pending projects on the contingency lists are closer to being moved to the fundable list.

These pending projects are Regional Bio-solids project, Venice on the Lake, and 2 projects in Branson.

WHITE RIVER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

The White River Emergency Communications Project is requesting to obtain needed funding of \$900,000 for the communication project between the county and entities in the county.

The Commission will post the request for federal appropriation through Congressman Blunt's office for \$900,000 for the White River Emergency Communications Project to be approved later in the week on the agenda.

VENICE ON THE LAKE – COMMISSIONER JIM STRAFUSS

Commissioner Strafuss stated that there are 434 residence structures in the Venice on the Lake area. If all (100%) of the 434 residences and 14 commercial properties subscribed at the present sewer rates then there would be \$129,000 annual revenue versus annual operating costs of \$175,000 which would create an ongoing operating loss that does not include the debt or debt costs or the residential connection costs. If only 60% sign on, this would be a \$1,900,000 loss for the operation over 20 years.

Commissioner Strahan spoke concerning the emphasis on keeping our water clean and that being the primary reason this project is being considered.

Commissioner Pennel stated that the Sewer Board is aware of the concern that the project may not pay for itself but they have been appointed by the County Commission and we trust them to make these decisions as they have a lot of experience in making these kinds of decisions.

Mike Zimmerman of Archer Engineering discussed the characteristics of the project and how it compares or differs from previous projects in the county. He also discussed the questions that he feels the study would address.

There were several public comments on this project from the people at the meeting.

STATE TAX COMMISSION – COMMISSIONER CHUCK PENNEL

Commissioner Pennel presented a draft of a letter he would like to be sent to the State Tax Commission.

Both Commissioners Strafuss and Strahan said they would support the letter.

Commissioner Pennel moved to send the letter to the State Tax Commission from the County Commission. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

**RECESS
10:18 AM**

**RECONVENED
10:36 AM**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 610.021. (1)(2)(3). Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
10:37 AM**

See Executive Session minutes for actions if any.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. . The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
11:08 AM**

2010 BUDGET

The Commission reviewed the 2010 proposed budget with Rick Findley, County Auditor.

Presiding Commission Pennel declared a recess.

**RECESS
11:30 AM**

**RECONVENED
1:30 PM**

The Commission reconvened with Chuck Pennel present and Commissioner Strafuss on teleconference. Commissioner Strahan was absent.

NUISANCE CASES

Commissioner Pennel moved to contact the Health Department and have them certify case # 04-302 Christopher Shipman and then turn the case over to the prosecuting attorney. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (absent), and Strafuss (aye).

Commissioner Strafuss moved to table the nuisance discussion until 9 AM Tuesday at the airport. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (absent), and Strafuss (aye).

Presiding Commission Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS
1:35 PM

The minutes were taken and typed by Jim Yust, Deputy Clerk.