

OFFICIAL MINUTES

May 24, 2010, 26th DAY OF
THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in The Commissioner's Hearing Room at 8:30 AM with, Chuck Pennel, Jim Strafuss and Danny Strahan present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

IDA/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUE

Tim Connell, Chairman of IDA reported on candidates for Executive Directors and plans to coordinate interviews.

Commissioner Strahan moved to inform the state that we are going to use the bond award to further construction in the County Parks program. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Commission decided to wait until after the Park Board meeting this Thursday to further consider the bond award.

RECESS
8:57 AM

RECONVEND
9:02 AM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Strafuss moved to table the minute's approval until Wednesday for the minutes of 5/17, 5/19, and 5/21/2010. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve accounts payable and transfers except for cell phone reimbursement to the Commission Office administrative assistants:

Checks: 319817 - 319917

Warrants: 5210

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

Commissioner Strafuss moved to pay the 2 cell phone reimbursements to the Commission Office Administrative Assistants. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (nay), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Schmolke spoke on the need to be kept informed on the T-Highway sewer project.

SENIOR TAX

Darlene Kagan spoke about which ballot the tax issue was requested for and why.

Dorothy Knoweles spoke about the need to have the issue on the August Ballot.

Jim Pede spoke in support of the August Ballot for the senior tax issue.

Josh Smith spoke in opposition to the Senior Tax levy issue.

Robert Craig spoke in opposition

Jeanie Legge spoke in support of the Senior Tax issue and the help it has given to the blind.

Edward Legge spoke in support of the Senior Tax issue and the help it gives in transportation.

Jack Kincaid spoke in support of the Senior Tax issue.

Bill Petrovic spoke in support of putting the issue on the August Ballot.

Christine Thompson from the Branson Senior Center spoke about education concerning the Senior Tax Issue and in support of the issue.

Frank Preston spoke in support of the Senior Citizens.

James Strahan spoke in support of the Commissioners and the support they have given to Senior Citizens.

Jim Pede spoke in support of the Senior Tax issue.

Sherrie Veltkamp spoke in support of education on the Senior Tax issue.

Carol Kurtz spoke in support of the Senior Tax issue.

Linda Jagears of the Forsyth Senior Center spoke in favor of the Senior Tax Levy issue. Josh Smith spoke to assure citizens that he is in support of seniors.

Pat Dooley spoke to thank those who spoke in support and to thank Josh Smith for his points in opposition.

Commissioner Strafuss moved Pursuant to RSMo. 67.990 to approve the senior tax for the August 3rd election and authorize the presiding Commissioner to sign ballot certification language to be prepared by counsel that puts the following question on the Taney County ballot for August 3rd, 2010:

“Shall Taney County levy a tax of 5 cents per each one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the purpose of providing services to persons sixty years of age or older.”

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

RECESS
10:47 AM

RECONVENED
11:02 AM

STATE AUDIT

Josh Smith spoke in favor of a state audit of county government.

Rick Findley spoke about the need to have specific items to give to the State Auditor in order for them to consider and layout an audit plan due to their being 1 ½ years out on their schedule.

RECESS
11:12 AM

RECONVENED
11:17 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE & DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS
NIKKI LAWRENCE – WORK SESSION W/COMMISSION

The Commission reviewed the agenda for the week adding a couple of items.

DROP BOX FOR SEWER BILL PAYMENTS

John Souttee discussed the need for a drop box for payments as recommended by the outside auditor. The Commission was more in favor of an inside drop rather than an outside stand alone box but asked John to come back when he had more details.

John also discussed a bid issue with Tri-Lakes Ford and the Sewer Board so the Commission would be aware of the situation.

**RECESS
11:56 AM**

**RECONVENED
1:07 PM**

STAFF DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS – ROAD & BRIDGE

Frank discussed many Road & Bridge items with the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
1:49 PM**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021.3. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

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
1:57 PM**

**RECESS
2:01 PM**

**RECONVENED
2:11 PM**

SICK TIME POLICY

Several ideas were discussed concerning sick pay buy out for people that are retiring.

DAMSITE/SPRING CREEK CHANGE ORDER #3 & OZARK BEACH CHANGE ORDER #11

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve change order #3 on Damsite/Spring creek project. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve change order #11 for Ozark Beach. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (nay), and Strafuss (aye).

TAX SALE MONDAY – AUGUST 23, 2010

Sheila asked to have the auction in the Commission Hearing Room if the Commission could move their meeting to 8/24/10. The Commission agreed to move their meeting to the 24th of August.

BOYS CAMP ROAD

The Commission was made aware by Travis of HDR Archer that the County would have to match 50% of the project in order to get the maximum CDGB grant of \$250,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2:56 PM

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

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

4:08 PM

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS

4:18 PM

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