

OFFICIAL
JUNE 24, 2013, 22nd DAY OF
THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in the Commission Hearing Room at 8:45 am with Ron Houseman, Danny Strahan, and Brandon Williams present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

PRELIMINARY STUDY

The Commission met to review previous meeting minutes and accounts payables.

CALL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Houseman called the June 24, 2013 meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Sue Clayton led with prayer and Commissioner Strahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION REMARKS

There were no remarks at this time.

**WHITE RIVER WATERSHED
NATIONAL BLUEWAY RESOLUTION**

Bill Gracy came before the Commission to give a presentation concerning the White River Watershed National Blueway. Commissioner Houseman stated the Commission has looked at the Resolution supplied by Mr. Gracy and he has drawn up one of his own for the Commission's review. He then read Resolution 2013-10 and asked Mr. Gracy to give his presentation.

Mr. Gracy had a map showing the area affected both in Missouri and Arkansas by the White River Watershed National Blueway. He spoke of what organizations were involved with the National Blueway and how it came into existence. Mr. Gracy also spoke on the adverse effects on property owners and the communities. He presented the Commission copies of the "Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Army" and a Resolution that is in opposition of the Memorandum.

State Representative Lyle Rowland spoke in opposition of the Memorandum but in favor of the Resolution. He stated that a similar Resolution was being considered by the Missouri House of Representatives. He also suggested the wording of the Resolution to be expanded from "Department of Conservation" to "any State Agency".

Others who spoke favor of the Resolution were: Jim Fisher, State Rep. Mike Moon, Larry Hutchens, Lacey Combs, and Judy Dollarhide.

Commissioner Strahan stated that Taney County has been strong at keeping the County clean; with Trash Pick-Up days in the spring and fall, and the continued Sewer Projects.

Commissioner Williams stated he is in agreement with the Resolution and the ability of the County to take care of its own waterways.

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt Resolution 2013-10 as amended (from "Department of Conservation" to "any State agency"). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

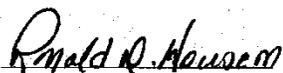
**TANEY COUNTY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION # 2013-10**

A resolution of opposition to the designation and recognition of the White River and its watershed as the "Second National Blueway"

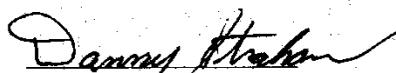
- 1) **WHEREAS**, the White River and its watershed has been named the nation's second "National Blueway"; and
- 2) **WHEREAS**, this county commission is deeply concerned about administrative overreach without Congressional approval, and
- 3) **WHEREAS**, several citizens have noted that they would like to be heard at a public hearing regarding said issue, and
- 4) **WHEREAS**, the Taney County Commission wholeheartedly supports its citizens and their rights to be heard through the democratic process, and
- 5) **WHEREAS**, Taney County citizens deserve more transparency from their government,

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE County of Taney, State of Missouri, on this 24th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2013, THAT;

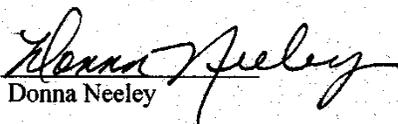
- 1) Taney County has every intention to continue present conservation practices as are mandated by law and consistent with provisions of the Constitution of the State of Missouri.
- 2) Taney County calls on Governor Nixon to help persuade any State agency to not participate or support the White River Watershed National Blueway.
- 3) Taney County fully supports our citizens rights provided through the democratic process which would grant all Taney Countians the opportunity to be heard regarding said issue.
- 4) Taney County urges our U.S. Congressional Delegation to oppose the recent designation of the White River and its Watershed as the "Second National Blueway".

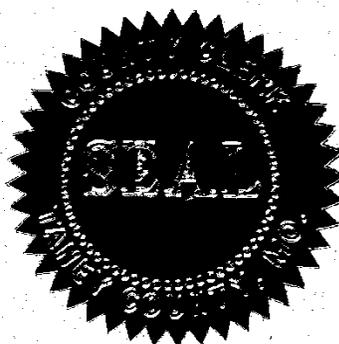

Ronald D. Houseman
Presiding Commissioner


Brandon Williams
Western Commissioner


Danny Strahan
Eastern Commissioner

ATTEST:


Donna Neeley



**RECESS
9:52 AM**

**RECONVENE
10:04 AM**

MODOT MONTHLY UPDATE

Beth Schaller with MoDOT came before the Commission to present their monthly update.

Construction: *Flashers at Hwy A and Hwy BB will be installed to alert the side roads when there is traffic on Hwy 65.

*They have not heard from AEPAC on when they will be in Taney County for the overlays.

*Hwy 160 and Hwy 125: it has been determined that the product used was not good product so it will be overlaid again. Currently there are no monies for this project, but they are hoping to have a savings from the bids this fall that can be used for it. These highways will get a seal coat this summer and MoDOT will monitor the road conditions.

*The mowing cycle started this morning and it is looking to be finished by July 4, 2013.

*The Southwest Missouri Counsel of Governments is hosting a “Small Communities Transportation Funding Options” meeting this Friday, June 28, 2013, at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

*Hwy Y and Hwy O will be chip and sealed.

Commissioner Strahan asked MoDOT to look at the roadway at Mt. Branson. He stated where the deep ditch side is the roadway is starting to crack again. He also questioned if MoDOT would be able to spray the ditch lines for the musk thistles.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Houseman asked the Commission to consider combining within our departments, probably under Planning and Zoning, the following: Tri-Lakes Biosolids Project, Water Testing, Sewer Systems Permits, Public Water Needs Education, and City Funding Agreements with the County. He stated this is just something he wanted the Commission to think about.

CHECKS APPROVAL PROCESS

Treasurer Melanie Smith came before the Commission to present the Check Approval Process. Commissioner Strahan stated this would improve the process and remove undue pressure placed on the Treasurer for a held check’s release. Commissioner Houseman read aloud the Check Approval Process. The Commission, Treasurer, and Auditor suggested changes to #7 “per order of the Commission” to “per Check Approval Process”; and #9 add “that had been previously held”.

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Check Approval Process of June 24, 2013, with changes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioner Houseman made note of the changes: #7 “per order of the Commission” to “per Check Approval Process”; and #9 add “that had been previously held”. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve Accounts Payable as follows: Checks #334172 - #334230, #334231 - #334238. There were no Warrants, Journal Entries, or Transfers. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve Previous Executive Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 13, 17, and 20, 2013. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

VENICE ON THE LAKE STUDY

HDR Engineering represented by Mike Zimmerman and Travis Heier came before the Commission to present the Venice on the Lake Study. They spoke of the following three options the County could take regarding a sewer system:

Alternate 1: Includes servicing 378 homes at a cost of \$12,641, 239.00.

Alternate 2: Includes servicing 242 homes at a cost of \$ 8,092,466.00.

Alternate 3: Includes servicing 308 homes at a cost of \$10,370,436.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the percentage of possible homes connecting to the system, the cost to the homeowners, whether this was the wisest places to spend the County monies, and the Budget process. The Commission thanked HDR Engineering for their presentation.

RECESS

11:13 AM

RECONVENE

11:15 AM

Ron Herschend spoke in favor of the completion of this project and he encouraged the Commission to support Option 1. The three issues he spoke on were: the issue of the cost of unpaid bills with possibly surveying the property owners to see if they are willing to bear the cost; the cost to Merriam Woods; and the possibility of Rockaway Beach not wanting to be in the sewer business any longer so the County may be dealing with a different entity.

3-5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Commissioner Houseman spoke on developing a three to five year plan and to create a committee within the County that will study the County's finances, sources of revenue etc., and help the Commission in developing a plan for the future. Appointing a Blue Ribbon Committee made up of three – five members from the finance/accounting field.

Commissioner Strahan spoke with approval concerning a three year plan but reminded this Commission cannot obligate a future Commission.

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11:30 AM

RECONVENE

11:44 AM

DAILY STAFF REVIEW (COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM)

The Commission met with their staff to review the daily business and review Agenda Requests.

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

ADJOURN

1:10 PM

The minutes were taken and typed by Stacey Clemans, Deputy Clerk.