

**APRIL 11, 2005 THE 3rd DAY OF
THE APRIL ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Associate Circuit II Courtroom at 9:00 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 Helen Souttee followed by the pledge.

FORSYTH SENIOR CENTER BOARD

Art Beck and a representative of the Forsyth Senior Center Board addressed the Commission in regards to the program at the Forsyth Senior Center. Beck explained there are several programs that benefit the community including meals being delivered to homebound citizens, however do to a shortage of funds the senior center will either have to raise \$1289 dollars or cut back on some of its programs. Beck requested the Commission schedule some funds in next years budget to help with the program.

PARK BOARD RESOLUTION

Presiding Commissioner Pennel brought up the Park Board Resolution that will consist of 7 Directors. Bob Paulson, County Counselor, stated that he made some adjustments but has some questions on dates.

Commissioner Strahan complimented the press about increasing the community's interest in the Park Board.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to accept the Park Board Resolution with corrections made by Bob Paulson. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

MAILBOX POLICY

Presiding Commissioner Pennel mentioned the Commission is considering taking in a mailbox policy that would only permit breakaway posts for mailboxes off of the right away do to safety issues.

Sheila Wyatt, Collector, stated that the Post Office has Federal Requirements for posting mailboxes and expressed a concern about a County Policy conflicting with Federal Requirements.

Commissioner Pennel explained they have already taken that into consideration and are still working on the policy.

VENICE ON THE LAKE ROADS

Commissioner Pennel stated that he is still working on the petition for the Venice on the Lake Roads, which has 67 petitions. Pennel explained there are 6 roads that he would recommend being taken in and 7 roads that he would not recommend. Pennel read the following roads that he is recommending the County take in: Sandy Lane (through road), Kimberly Creek Road (require turn around), Skyline (require turn around), Nordeen Court (require turn around), Cathy Court (require turn around), and Apple Lane (through road). Pennel then read the roads he his not recommending which are: Richard, Leawood, Hollow, Dale, Valley, Circle Court, and Second Terrace.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to accept the mentioned 6 roads and deny 7 roads contingent upon agreement of Dan Ratermann and Randy Haes, Road and Bridge. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

ANIMAL CONTROL SITE FOLLOW-UP LUCY COMBS AND EDEN GREER

Lucy Combs, Animal Control Site, complimented the Commission about the changes being made at the animal control site. Combs stated that the site is still in need of more supplies and a job description for employees. Combs asked if the Commission had any guidelines for animal control policies.

Commissioner Pennel explained that Tressa Luttrell, Administrator, has been working on some written guidelines.

Lucy Combs asked that the guidelines be posted and that the newspapers are notified as to the animal control policies so the public is well informed on the issue. Combs had some more requests and questions over the issue and a general discussion ensued.

Eden Greer, Animal Control Site, expressed a concern about the odor at the site and asked if there is a limit has to how many dogs are accepted. Commissioner Pennel explained that there is a limit at the animal control site.

Lucy Combs suggested the Commission get with the media to increase awareness of animal adoption in the County.

BANK BIDS HELEN SOUTEE

Helen Soutee, Treasurer, addressed the Commission in regards to the County Depository Bids that were received from several financial institutions in Taney County. Soutee stated, “ in reviewing the bids of all financial institutions that met the bid requirements according to RSMo 110 it’s the recommendation of the Taney County

Clerk, Auditor, Collector, and Treasurer that the depository accounts be awarded to Bank of America.” Soutee explained that the reason for choosing Bank of America was due to the fact that the Counties interest rate on revenue is higher than the other financial institutions plus there will be no service charges.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to accept Bank of America as Taney Counties Depository Financial Institution. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

RUBBER-TIRED ENDLOADER BIDS
TRESSA LUTTRELL

Tressa Luttrell, Administrator, addressed the Commission concerning bids taken last week on a Rubber-tired End loader. Luttrell explained that 7 bids were received and Dan Ratermann, Road and Bridge Engineer, took the bids back and created a spreadsheet of the bids. The Road and Bridge department considered a Volvo L90E but had some concerns about the engine and failure to meet specifications, so their recommendation was for a John Deer 624J at a cost of \$104,220.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to accept the bid for the John Deer Rubber-tired End loader. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

NEWSPAPER SERVICE BIDS
TRESSA LUTTRELL

Tressa Luttrell, Administrator, addressed the Commission concerning Newspaper Service Bids that were received from Branson Daily News for \$7.00 per column inch and help wanted ads for \$15.00 per column inch and the bid from Taney County Times was \$5.50 per column inch.

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

DECON SUITS
TRESSA LUTTRELL

Tressa Luttrell presented the revised specified bids for the Decon Suits and stated that Chris, Emergency Management Director, made the recommendation for Nor E.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve Nor E for the Decon Suits. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to accept accounts payable warrants # 88565 through 88653 and manual warrant #4349. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

SPRING CLEAN –UP

Commissioner Pennel explained that Debbie Crawford, Environmental Specialist, is requesting that the Commission open the transfer station on Monday after Branson's Citywide Spring Clean-up just like they did last year.

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve the same practice done last year for the City of Branson Spring Clean-up. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

RECESS

Commissioner Pennel made motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.1 & 610.021.12. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

Minutes taken and typed by: Hillary Bargman