

**OFFICIAL**  
**APRIL 28, 2014, 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF**  
**THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM**

**PRELIMINARY STUDY**

The County Commission met in the Commission Conference Room at 8:10 am with Ron Houseman (present), Danny Strahan (present), and Brandon Williams (absent).

The Commission met to review the day's business and County concerns.

**FORMAL AGENDA**

The County Commission met in the Commission Hearing Room at 9:04 am with Ron Houseman (present), Danny Strahan (present), and Brandon Williams (present). The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Houseman called the April 28, 2014 meeting to order.

**COMMISSION REMARKS**

There were no Commission Remarks.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve check numbers 339465 – 339527 and three transfers: one from the Transfer Station to Road & Bridge, one from the County Clerk's Office to Road & Bridge for election work, and one from the Bad Checks Fund to GCR for salaries. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

**BID RECOMMENDATION FOR GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL RFB #201403-253**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Gasoline and Diesel Fuel bid, #201403-253, to Trilakes Petroleum, per the recommendation of Road & Bridge Administrator Randy Haes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Strahan (aye), Williams (aye), and Houseman (aye).

**WASTEWATER PROJECT UPGRADES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MERRIAM WOODS**

John Soutee opened discussion with an overview of a funding request from Merriam Woods. The Village was proposing use of the sales tax funds for the purposes of modifying pump stations, the possible elimination of at least one lift station, and improvements to the system which would result in increased reliability and efficiency.

Terry McArthur, Senior Project Manager with HDR Engineering, reviewed needed repairs and upgrades, including: the vacuum pumps were causing issues and could be replaced with better equipment; there were corrosion issues at all lift stations in the wet wells; valves were not functioning in some locations; grinder pump stations were requiring service at least once per year and needed replacement; the flow meter did not work; the sites were not secured and had been vandalized in the past. HDR planned to review the following: the future uses of the facilities, especially as related to the Venice on the Lake project; potential impacts on the Village related to staffing and sewer rates after improvements were made; and, a cost analysis of improvements vs. replacements. Following the completion of their study they would report back to the Commission, and then would anticipate approval to move forward with the proposals.

Jerry Pagan, Village of Merriam Woods, explained that the sewage system was 13 years old. Due to its age it was becoming increasingly difficult to find replacement parts, and when found the parts were not coming with warranties.

Mr. Soutee outlined several issues at the facilities that he had observed firsthand. He stated that discharge piping was corroded, but the cement in the wet wells looked good and still be usable. He pointed out that Merriam Woods had never requested money through the sewer sales tax before, but due to the age of the system they needed to make improvements to ensure the future of the facility.

## **CITY OF BRANSON FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR LIFT STATION #9 AND LIFT STATION #25**

John Soutee brought before the Commission two funding agreements submitted by the City of Branson for approval. The agreements were related to work that had been approved in 2012 but had not yet been completed. However, the termination dates on the agreements had expired. The new agreements had updated termination dates, had been reviewed by the County's legal counsel, and were being resubmitted for approval. He further clarified that the funding agreement amounts had not changed for either one. In relationship to Lift Station #9, the City had all ready paid the contractor and was seeking reimbursement for the exact amount of what their expense was. A copy of the payment was attached.

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Funding Agreement for Lift Station #9 with the City of Branson, with discussion. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Commissioner Strahan inquired if there would be any other payments issued after this approval. Soutee clarified that this was the final payment and included the retainer. Motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Williams (aye), and Strahan (aye).

Mr. Soutee explained that in relationship to Lift Station #25, the funding agreement was 80% complete. The agreement before the Commission would finish out the project by ensuring payment for the remaining 20%.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Funding Agreement for Lift Station #25 with the City Branson. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

## **APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

Minute approval was postponed to a later meeting.

## **MoDOT MONTHLY UPDATE**

Commissioner Houseman asked if MoDOT had received any reports of storm damage. Beth Schaller replied that she had not heard any reports thus far.

Per Beth Schaller, MoDOT was in the midst of their spring maintenance schedule. They would be mowing in two to three weeks. They were replacing pipes, cleaning ditches, involved in curbside application for weed control, starting their spring bridge cleanup and flushing, and road patching. They had one active construction project in the area, the 76 overlay. This was a complete mill & fill, meaning they were replacing old asphalt with new asphalt. The project would encompass the entire length of Hwy 76 from 65 to route 13 in Branson West, and they estimated it would be completed in July. She expressed that construction funding was decreasing, particularly as they were now paying off bonds with Amendment 3 funds. A 1¢ Sales Tax funding proposal was currently in the State Senate and if it passed and was approved by the Governor the measure would be voted on in November 2014. If approved by voters it would go into effect January 2015. Finally, there had been discussion on the Federal trust fund and the possibility of there being an increase in the national gas tax, but she was unsure those outcomes.

Commissioner Houseman asked for an update on the Swan Creek Bridge plans. Ms. Schaller stated that it would be bid in the fall of 2016 with construction happening in 2017. MoDOT was looking towards having a parallel bridge built with the alignment to the East of the current bridge, and after speaking to the Corp of Engineers there were no major red flags on that plan.

## **COURT ORDERS**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Exhibit A dated 4/28/2014, Personal Property add-ons for the month of March 2014. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Exhibit B dated 4/28/2014, Personal Property Refunds with numbers: 20150072, 20150076, 20150082, 20150085, and 20150086; and Personal Property Abatements with numbers: 20150049, 20150069, 20150070, 20150071, 20150073, and 20150074. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting on abatement number 20150072. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Exhibit C dated 4/28/2014, Real Estate Abatements with numbers: 20150078-0081, 20150083-0084, and 20150087 – 0097. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

## **INTRINSICORP CONTRACT**

Commissioner Houseman clarified that this agreement would extend services from this vendor for the Assessor's Office until 2015, and that legal counsel had reviewed it. The contract had been agreed to by Assessor, Collector, and County Clerk.

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the contract by and between IntrinsicCorp, the Taney County Assessor, the Taney County Collector, and Taney County, known as file #12-051AS. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Strahan (aye), Williams (aye), and Houseman (aye).

## **A.T.V. ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the A.T.V. /U.T.V. Ordinance, known as file #12-040CC as prepared by the County Clerk. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Strahan (aye), Williams (aye), and Houseman (aye).

## **SAVANNAH PLACE RELEASE AGREEMENTS**

Randy Haes presented the Commission with hold harmless agreements on three properties within Savannah Place. They had been reviewed and corrected by legal counsel, and were required for the acceptance of the subdivision into the County road maintenance system.

Commissioner Williams moved to execute the Savannah Place Release Agreements, known as file#14-005RB. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

## **RECESS**

**10:15 AM**

## **RECONVENE**

**10:20 AM**

## **TANEY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WITH COMMISSION**

Commissioner Houseman opened the meeting by explaining it was the goal of the Commission to meet with all Commission appointed boards to review appointments, service terms, the district representative boundaries, and discover what requests the Board had for the Commission.

Chairman David Miller reviewed the priority list of recommended projects with the Commission. Thus far, the list had worked very well and progress had been made in several areas. There was currently one open position on the Board, District #3, and the Board would like that void to be filled.

Board members introduced themselves as follows: David Miller, District 6; Ron Newman, District 5; Jim Youngblood, District 7; Doug Muller, District 2; and Rick Ziegenfuss, District 1. Road & Bridge Administrator Randy Haes was also in attendance.

The Board felt that all members had done an excellent job of representing their districts. There were some traffic signal issues in several districts due to growth that the committee had been addressing. All members were listening to citizens from District #3 and doing their best to address their concerns, but all felt it important to have that position filled as soon as possible. It was proposed that if district lines were redrawn then current District #4 Representative Brian Caperton could serve as the District #3 Representative. It was thought it might be easier to find someone to replace him than seeking a candidate living within the current borders of #3.

The Commissioners let the Board know that when it came to projects in the rural areas they were being mindful during the budget setting process to address low-water and bridge issues there. The Board pointed out that the top priority on their list was safety, and that bridge concerns needed to be addressed on an on-going basis. They discussed the differences in the terminology "functionally obsolete" and "structurally deficient". Discussion ensued on particular bridges within the County.

At 10:40 am Commissioner Houseman stepped away. He returned at 10:45 am. He left at 10:59 am, and returned at 11:00am.

The Board thanked Randy Haes and the employees of Road & Bridge who have consistently answered citizen needs and school bus related issues.

Rick Ziegenfuss reviewed the original rules as outlined for the Transportation Board. He began with the issue of each member of the Board serving four year terms, with a maximum of three terms. Shortly, most of the

Board would be termed out and many new members would have to appointed to replace them, unless the Commission agreed to change them.

Discussion ensued on funding issues related to MoDOT, the State Tiger Grants, and the Federal Grants and programs.

The Board discussed the hope for future growth into a commuter train system. They were learning from other cities, and contacting businesses who were interested in a rail system in Southwest Missouri.

**RECESS**  
**11:37 PM**

**RECONVENE**  
**12:15 PM**

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 610.021 (3)**

Commissioner Strahan moved to enter Emergency Executive Session per section 610.021(3). Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Strahan (aye), Houseman (aye), and Williams (absent).

**ENTER EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**12:15 PM**

See Executive Session Minutes for any motions made or votes taken.

Commissioner Strahan moved to exit Emergency Executive Session. Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Strahan (aye), Houseman (aye), and Williams (absent).

**EXIT EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**1:05 PM**

**RECESS**  
**1:05 PM**

**RECONVENE**  
**1:18 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 610.021 (17)**

Commissioner Williams moved to enter Executive Session per section 610.021(17). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**1:18 PM**

See Executive Session Minutes for any motions made or votes taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to exit Executive Session and adjourn the open meeting. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Williams (aye), Strahan (aye), and Houseman (aye).

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURN**  
**5:08 PM**

The minutes were taken and typed by Cristy Smith, Deputy Clerk.