

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 THE 25TH DAY
OF THE JULY ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in Associate II Circuit Courtroom at 9:02 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding, Ron Herschend, Western District and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

The prayer was led by Ron Herschend followed by the pledge.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
CHRIS BERNDT**

Chris Berndt, Emergency Management Director did a presentation for the Commission in regards to what Emergency Management does, in Taney County. Berndt explained that Emergency Management is an all hazard approach to all different types of situations that Taney County could face. Berndt clarified that Emergency Management does not create resources rather they manage resources that are already in place. Berndt added that Taney County only has so many natural hazards that could occur and the other hazards could include technological or national security hazards. Berndt stated that Taney County mainly prepares for tornadoes, winter storms, floods, and earthquakes. Berndt went on to discuss weapons of mass destruction/terrorism and explained that the county has gotten \$550,000 to \$600,000 dollars in grant money since 1993. Berndt stated that if anyone wants to prepare for any of these disasters they should be prepared to not leave their house for a few days by stocking up on food and water for days. Berndt also clarified that storm sirens are designed to warn people who are outside and suggested getting an all hazard radio for inside the house.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel asked Berndt if he thought Taney County has a good network among emergency districts. Berndt responded that the network is better today than it has ever been and that everyone seems to know each other's resources.

Art Beck asked if it was the county or the power company that are responsible for damaged power lines during ice storms. Berndt stated that it is the power company's responsibility however; Emergency Management coordinates with them to see how long the power will be down in order to provide adequate shelter for citizens.

Dick Clark stated that the State of Louisiana got a \$500 million grant and asked what they could have done with that money. Berndt explained that the Federal Government has very specific guidelines that must be followed for grant money.

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

Tressa Luttrell, Administrator presented the Commission with a standard Data Sharing Agreement with the City of Rockaway Beach.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with the City of Rockaway Beach. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. Commissioner Herschend asked what the county would be getting from Rockaway Beach? Commissioner Pennel stated that they pay \$25 and share the counties information. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

ROAD PETITION CLEARWATER DRIVE

Commissioner Strahan read the following road petition for Clearwater Drive: Section 10, Township 22, Range 21. The estimated traffic count is 20 to 25, known dedicated right of way of 40 feet, surface width of 15 to 18 feet and is 540 feet in length, chip and seal, fair to poor condition, and no culverts with 3 dwellings. Comments: this road is an extension of Clearwater Drive, ends at the lake, surface needs repair and mix overlay surface. There is a good turnaround at the end of road and is recommended being taken in as a Class 4. The beginning of Clearwater Drive Morning Dove Lane extends south to the Corp of Engineers property.

Commissioner Herschend recommended not taking in the road because the turnaround and 20% of the road is on Corp land and it serves a private dock. Herschend expressed that he feels taking in this road would not serve the citizens of Taney County.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel asked if the dock is open to the public? Herschend explained that the Corp would require the county to pay their fee to permit access to the dock and that past Commissioners have made decisions to pay the fee in the past.

Commissioner Strahan asked how much the fee would be? Herschend responded that it would be in the hundreds.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to table the petition for Clearwater Drive. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion to table. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

ROAD PETITION BARBARA AVENUE

Commissioner Herschend read the following road petition for Barbara Ave: Section 12, Range 17 West, Township 21 North, East Barbara Ave. Public road 40 feet in width located between block and E and G of Parksons Bull Shoals Lakefront. Platte 4 page 146. Said road to extend east of right of way of Walnut Street as per the recorded Platte. Length of road is 635 feet, a width of 40 feet, and a known dedicated right of way. It has 9 dwellings, narrow and rough with no ditches or culverts road needs to be reconstructed and is recommended being taken in as a Class 6 until improvements can be made.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to deny the road petition for Barbara Ave. Herschend added that he does not want to rebuild a road for three residents. Commissioner Strahan stated that there might not even be three permanent residents there.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion to table the petition so he can look at Barbara Ave. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Herschend asked how many roads would be petitioned if the county took in this road. Randy Haes, Road and Bridge Assistant Engineer stated that he feels there would be more roads petitioned if Barbara Avenue was taken in as a county road.

Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion to deny. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (no), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

2006 BUDGET PROCESS

Commissioner Herschend stated that last year Rick Findley, Auditor met with office holders in case they still had questions regarding the budget process and then they could talk to the commissioners. Herschend then asked if the Commission wanted to be in a work session with the auditor and office holders to save time.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel stated he was in favor of meeting with office holders. Rick Findley added that he would bring a copy of the 2006 Budget over to the Commissioners.

CERTIFICATION OF LEVY

Donna Neely, County Clerk stated that she received the tax levies from the state. Neeley further explained that Jim Travis would be here to help print tax books later in the day. Neeley then presented copies of letters to the Commission.

Commissioner Herschend asked Neeley if she could see a change or trend. Neeley stated that there were voluntary reductions in some schools and cities.

PRIOR MINUTES

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve minutes from September 6, 9, and 12. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve accounts payable warrants # 90966-91070 and manual warrant # 4397. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

EQUIPMENT DONATION

Commissioner Herschend reminded the Commission that Tammy Haglar, 911 Administrator had requested permission to donate equipment for Hurricane Katrina relief. Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve donation as requested by Tammy Haglar. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

Commissioner Herschend then asked Chris Berndt, Emergency Management if he felt it would be of help to send equipment? Berndt responded that clothing is the worst thing to donate because logistically it is difficult to deal with and that money is a lot easier. Berndt further expressed that at this point he feels the local jurisdictions are getting things cleared up and that the county should wait until they get a request before mobilizing resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) (2) (11). Commissioner Herschend seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).