

**JANUARY 5, 2007 THE 31ST DAY OF
THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the County Commission Office at 8:37 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.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

Bob Paulson, Taney County Counselor, Rick Findley, Taney County Auditor, and Dawn Erickson with KRZK Radio and the County Commission met to supply explanations to Ms. Erickson concerning the budget.

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9:05 AM

RECONVENE

The Taney County Commission reconvened at the Office of the County Commission on January 5, 2007 at 1:20 p.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding and Danny Strahan, Eastern Commissioner present. Ron Herschend, Western District was absent. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

QUICK CLAIM DEED

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve a quick claim deed from Douglas and Alice Kowalski for an easement off of Carter Road, and an order for direct deposit of payroll. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of two: Pennel (aye), Herschend (absent), Strahan (aye).

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RECONVENE

The Taney County Commission reconvened at the Office of the Taney County Commission at 2:00 p.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding and Danny Strahan, Eastern Commissioner present. Ron Herschend, Western District was absent. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**OLD TANEY COUNTY JAIL
SHADOW ROCK PARK**

Mr. Leon Combs and Ms. Donna Clevenger asked for assistance with the old Taney County Jail, in Shadow Rock Park, and presented several ideas. Ms. Clevenger explained that she talked to Allen Griffin at the Corp of Engineers Project Office in

Mountain Home and Alice Best in Little Rock and suggested that since the City of Forsyth has a lease, it could be turned over to the county.

Bob Paulson, County Counselor explained that the county could do a sublease, from the city or the historical society, in the amount of \$1 for the remainder of the current lease, and then do a fifty-year lease.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel asked about the importance of getting a sublease from the historical society? Paulson responded that it would justify putting money in to improve the park building. Ms. Clevenger remarked that they would need someone to solicit possible employees, and then make recommendations. Mr. Combs talked about hiring a director or curator, suggesting a salary of \$25,000.

Commissioner Strahan recommended finding someone who was knowledgeable about grant writing. Mr. Combs agreed, saying that it should be someone who would go to the right families to get donations.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel said that he would like to have someone on board. The Historical Society will form a search committee. Mr. Paulson added that if it would be part of the park system, the employee would need to be a county employee, and if not a park of the parks, the county would need to give the historical society the funds instead.

The commission offered \$50,000 in funding. Mr. Combs offered to make a \$10,000 donation, to establish an account for donations, separate from county revenues. Mr. Combs added that he would like to see an addition to the old jail, on the north or northeast side, to serve as museum space. It was decided that the group would meet again on the January 13, 2007 at 10:00am at White River Real Estate.