

**MARCH 1, 2007, THE 20TH DAY
OF THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the County Commission office at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding, and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. Ron Herschend, Western District, entered at 9:45a.m. The followings were had and made a matter of record.

**HIGHWAY GRANTS
SPENCER JONES**

Spencer Jones, Great River Engineering presented the Commission with an executive summary for design standards for public roads for Taney County. Mr. Jones said that the county would want to incorporate some of the language from the existing new road policy into the summary, adding that the existing policy was adopted on August 23, 2004.

Commissioner Strahan said that he likes the summary, but there are things in the standards that the county might want to change, and that it would be easier to make these changes before promulgating the standards. Commissioner Strahan added that the summary would be the first thing a developer would want to review.

Mr. Jones commented that some things would need to be changed as the county grows. Commissioner Strahan suggested a full day work session to look over the plan in detail. Jacob Rock, Road and Bridge Supervisor, asked when a work day could be set up, with Presiding Commissioner Pennel suggesting next Wednesday (March 7th). Commissioner Strahan restated that the Commission should go through it together paragraph by paragraph.

Mr. Jones went on to explain how Cost Share grant monies and the Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (BRO), work. Mr. Jones said that counties receive funds each year for bridge improvements and the Highway Department has allowed counties to spend these in advance. Mr. Jones went on to state that Taney County's annual allotment is \$56,000, and that in 1986 Taney County spent all of its funding for several years into the future, adding that the formula is 80% BRO and 20% County Contribute. According to Mr. Jones, Soft Match credits may be transferred from county to county, and in the 1990's counties started assessing a value and selling or trading these credits. Mr. Jones further stated that the credits are trading for fifty cents on the dollar currently, and Taney County cannot utilize their \$588,000 worth of Soft Match credit, as they have used their BRO funds. Mr. Jones clarified for Mr. Paulson that these credits could only be used in the East/West Corridor project if the existing bridge were to be taken out of service. Mr. Jones recommended saving back some of the Soft Match credits and transferring the rest, explaining that MODOT doesn't care in what form the counties do this. The project applies to bridges on county roads; state roads are not applicable, but counties can receive Soft Match credits even if contractors do the work.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion to authorize Spencer Jones to apply for the County's Soft Match credit. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of two: Pennel (yea), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yea).

Note: When Commissioner Herschend entered the meeting at 9:45 a.m., he signed the authorization in agreement with Presiding Commissioner Pennel and Commissioner Strahan.

RAISING POWERSITE ROAD SPENCER JONES

Spencer Jones, Great River Engineering addressed raising the road in Powersite to eliminate or reduce the occurrence of accidents at VV Highway and State Highway 76.

Commissioner Strahan commented that there are one to two accidents there each month, there have been fatalities, and there are two new proposed subdivisions in the area. Mr. Jones responded that due to the sight distance with the curve, the road would need to be raised six to eight feet to meet MODOTS requirements, improving the sight distance from 219 feet to 328 feet.

Commissioner Herschend asked about placing a traffic light at the intersection. Presiding Commissioner Pennel suggested that the county should improve the road and install an Actuated Signal, if affordable. Commissioner Herschend recommended that Mr. Jones sit in on a meeting with Taney County and MODOT, and that the county do both the road improvement and the traffic light.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel will set up a meeting with Bob Becker of MODOT and notify Great River Engineering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presiding Commissioner Pennel made a motion at 10 a.m., to go into Executive Session under RSMo. 610.021(12). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of three: Pennel (yea), Herschend (yea), Strahan (yea).

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RECONVENE

The County Commission reconvened in the County Commission office at 12:26 p.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding, and Ron Herschend, Western District, present. Danny Strahan, Eastern District, was absent. The followings were had and made a matter of record.

INTERIM PUBLIC AGREEMENT

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve the following Interim Public Agreement by and between Western Taney County Fire Protection District and Taney County concerning the Taney County Regional Airport/Graham Clark Field.

**INTERIM PUBLIC AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
WESTERN TANEY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
(Hereinafter WTCFPD)
AND THE COUNTY OF TANEY CONCERNING THE TANEY COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT/GRAHAM CLARK FIELD**

WHEREAS, the County of Taney has taken over the operation of Graham Clark Field (Taney County Regional Airport), and has operated the airport on a continuous basis since August 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, prior to Taney County taking over operation of the airport, the College of the Ozarks had provided Fire and Life Safety protection for the airport, and the College of the Ozarks was unable to continue its fire protection coverage for the airport once Taney County took ownership of the airport; and

WHEREAS, WTCFPD has a fire station adjoining the Airport; but since the Airport is not located within the Western Taney County Fire Protection District, the WTCFPD cannot lawfully provide fire protection and life safety service without either annexation, or an intergovernmental agreement; and

WHEREAS, WTCFPD provided fire protection and life safety service by intergovernmental agreement since August 1, 2005, and since both WTCFPD and the County of Taney wish to enter into a new intergovernmental agreement to provide for fire protection and life safety service by WTCFPD to the airport;

THEREFORE, WTCFPD, and Taney County hereby agree that WTCFPD will provide Fire and Life Safety Protection Services for the airport until March 1, 2008, or until Taney County petitions for and is annexed into WTCFPD; and/or the parties hereto enter into a longer ten-n, or permanent agreement, whichever occurs first. WTCFPD hereby agrees to accept such annexation petition upon agreed terms if and when it is timely presented.

In return for WTCFPD's provision of fire and life safety protection for the airport, Taney County agrees, during the effective duration of this agreement, to the following:

1. WTCFPD may utilize meeting rooms at the airport terminal when said rooms are needed and available.
2. WTCFPD may use the airport parking lot for occasional exercises involving fire and life safety protection and also exercises involving emergency services. The use of the parking lot shall be limited to a use that does not obstruct or interfere with the operation of the airport or its tenants. Any such use shall be permitted in the sole discretion of the airport manager, however permission for WTCFPD to use the parking lot shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of three: Pennel (yea), Herschend (yea), Strahan (yea).