

OFFICIAL MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2009, 30TH DAY OF THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 a.m. with Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

Prayer was led by Helen Souttee.

Chuck Pennel made a motion to amend the Agenda by moving Mike Scofield and Josh Tucker with Juvenile Office before public comment.
Danny Strahan seconded the motion.

Chuck Pennel amended his motion to move Mike Scofield and Josh Tucker with Juvenile office to after Public Comment on the agenda.
Danny Strahan seconded. The motion passed by vote Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye)

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Logan presented an appeal for the Harold Bell Wright statue funding.

Peter Rea made various comments.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR JUVENILES

Mike Scofield and Josh Tucker with the Taney County Juvenile office presented Community Service options on the eastern side of the County.

Josh Tucker asked the county for outlets for juveniles to perform community service.

The Commission directed Josh to contact Tressa Luttrell or Frank Preston or Lisa Owen and then they will let the commission know when community service is taking place and with each department.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the following accounts payable:

Checks # 308601 – 308609, 308610 - 308706

Warrants # 4977

Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the minutes for 2/23 and 2/25/09 with the corrections mentioned by Commissioner Pennel. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

SALEM ROAD PETITION

Commissioner Pennel read excerpts from the petition. Salem Road is just north or west of Hwy 248 and Hwy 160 intersection. Fifty foot width, extension of county road status for approximately ½ mile of Salem Road to the South. Salem road is already a county road in township 24, range 22, section 35. This section of road is fully developed and currently provides access for over 120 homes. Salem Road is chip and sealed and has a 20-foot road surface and makes a loop at the back of Hidden Ridge Estates for easy turnaround, posted on Hidden Ridge Office door.

Danny Strahan moved to accept the chip and seal part of Salem Road with the turnaround being surveyed and built for 100 ft turnaround. Died for lack of a second.

Chuck Pennel wants to check into previous actions on taking a road that is in a privately owned mobile home park into the county road maintenance system.

Chuck Pennel moved to table the request for 2 weeks in order for Jason Brown, the park owner, to look into improving the loop or providing the turnaround and survey and for Chuck Pennel to research taking in roads in a privately owned park. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

APRIL SALES TAX ISSUE

Commissioner Pennel announced that he is making himself available for speaking at civic organizations concerning the issue April Sales Tax issue.

Commissioner Pennel would like a meeting with Jack Dillingham of Piper Jaffrey and the commission to visit on this issue. It was agreed to ask Jack for a meeting to be scheduled.

Commissioner Pennel would also like to know what impact the TIF(s) would have on the tax collection. Commission Strafuss stated that he thought the amount he was using was after the TIF was captured, but would have to go back to his notes and check to find the answer.

Commissioner Pennel talked to Frank Preston and his staff about a study on traffic counts available from MODOT and time studies to see how much time can be saved if people went on east/west verses present routes to 3 destinations Hollister Interchange, Branson Highway 76 and Business 65 intersection, and Business 65 and Highway 248 interchange in 2 weeks. Frank Preston responded that he would like a work session to better quantify the issues to be study.

Commissioner Strahan sees this study as a waste of time due to the complexity of the variables. Commissioner Pennel said he did not want to waste time if it would not be of value. Commissioner Strafuss thinks it needs to discuss in the work session to see if there is benefit to this study.

Chuck Pennel would like to see a statement about whether the commission will use or not use the power of eminent Domain on the fact sheet.

Danny Strahan pointed out that the east/west corridor could have been decided strictly by the commission and it didn't have to go to the people for a vote. Purpose is to improve the transportation system throughout Taney County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherrie Veltkamp spoke for the use of local workers in building the east/west corridor. Jim Strafuss said that the engineering firms that the Commission has been talking to, say that the bid specs can contain clauses as to % of workers that have to come from the county.

Mike Leidecker stated that the airport used a lot of local workers in that construction.

Clint Block expressed concern about a traffic study in March versus times in higher traffic seasons and during times of construction and different times of the day. He drives a school bus and said that people will pull right out in front of someone just so they don't end up behind a school bus, so it is a safety issue for the school traffic.

Rick Ziegenfuss talked about congestion due to accidents on 76 highway.

IDA POSITIONS

Chuck Pennel asked for comments on 3 people that were approved last Thursday. Jim Strafuss and Danny Strahan both say they stand firm on their vote from last Thursday.

Stimulus coordinator Ron Houseman will present to the Commission on Thursday or Friday a list of what they are working on to keep the commission informed.

Per Commissioner Strafuss, Joan Chowning and Ron Houseman will have offices in the commission office and are full time positions.

Chuck Pennel feels that the stimulus could be pursued by only one person and thus not violating the freeze on hiring enacted with the 2009 budget.

NACO PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Commissioner Strafuss presented a program from NACO on a Pre-negotiated price for the residents of Taney County for prescriptions not covered by insurance or other medical plans.

Danny Strahan moved to table for 2 weeks. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote for Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and opposed Strafuss (nay).

MEETING PROCEEDURES

Jim Strafuss presented a summary of changes in the way the meetings would be run and scheduled.

Chuck Pennel voiced his opposition to the changes. He would rather not put on any limits unless requested by another commissioner. Chuck Pennel said he doesn't see the need for the change.

Danny Strahan expressed that he prefers Robert's rules of order to give structure to the meeting and the Commission is the first board that he has sat on that hasn't followed Robert's rules of order.

Jim Strafuss moved to approve the new meetings procedures including Roberts Rules of Order. Danny Strahan seconded the motion. Chuck Pennel asked that we have a work session if the motion passed. The motion passed by vote, Danny Strahan (aye), Jim Strafuss (aye), opposed Chuck Pennel (nay).

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS 11:00 AM

The minutes were taken and typed by Jim Yust, Deputy Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:54 A.M. COMMISSION HEARING ROOM

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel pursuant to 610.021.3 Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Strafuss (yes), Strahan (yes).

No motions were made.

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go out of Executive Session. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Strafuss (yes), Strahan (yes).

RECONVENED at 2:30p.m.

The County Commission reconvened in the commission hearing room at 2:30p.m. with Chuck Pennel and Danny Strahan present. Jim Strafuss absent.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

The Commission discussed road and bridge issues including the fact sheet for the East/West Corridor, Bird Road, Clevenger Cove easement issues, Horizon Hills letter and a review of county roads.

Jim Strafuss entered the meeting at 3:10p.m., Mr. Strahan left meeting. Danny Strahan rejoined the meeting at 3:20p.m.

Frank Preston asked for blessing to go forward with road standards. It was agreed for him to schedule a meeting date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go into executive session for personnel issue pursuant to 610.021. 3 Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Strafuss (yes), Strahan (yes).

For actions taken if any, see the Executive Session minutes.

Chuck Pennel made a motion to go out of Executive Session. Jim Strafuss seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Strafuss (yes), Strahan (yes).

RECONVENED

Chuck Pennel called the meeting back to order at 3:55 in the Commission Hearing Room with Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan, and Jim Strafuss present.

The Commission discussed potential remodel projects in the courthouse.

VACATION PAY REQUESTS

Danny Strahan made a motion to approve Vacation pay for Tammy Hagler as requested. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Strafuss (yes), Strahan (yes).

Recessed at 4:20p.m.

The minutes were taken and typed by Donna Neeley, County Clerk.