

# **OFFICIAL**

## **MARCH 12, 2012, 22nd DAY OF THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commission Hearing Room at 8:32 a.m. with Ron Houseman, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

### **PRELIMINARY STUDY**

The County Commission met to review previous meeting minutes and accounts payable.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Taney County resident Bob Schanz went before the Commission to comment on debris to be dumped at the transfer station at no charge, looting in Branson and nepotism within the Developmental Connections Board.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Commissioner Houseman called the March 12, 2012 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **PRAYER**

Commissioner Strafuss led the prayer.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Strahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve previous meeting minutes with corrections and additions dated February 23, 27, March 1, 5 and 8, 2012. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/JOURNAL ENTRIES/TRANSFERS**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve accounts payable, journal entries and transfers as follows. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

DATE 3/12/2012

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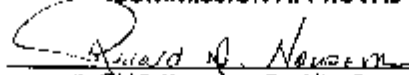
- TRANSFERS**
1. TRANSFER FROM CO CLERK TO ELECTION FUND
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_


**Please sign and date that you have reviewed the included information.**

Date	Time	Signature	Comments
3/8/2012	11:30AM		

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**COMMISSION APPROVAL**

  
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 Ronald D. Housman, Presiding Commissioner

  
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 Jim Strafuss, Western District Commissioner

  
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 Danny Strahay, Eastern District Commission

## **MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

Auditor Rick Findley asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the Monthly Budget Report. He mentioned the transfer station, cash flow for 911 and the Maintenance budget, which was higher due to issues related to the Jail.

### **RESPONSE TO THE TANEY COUNTY TIMES STORM DEBRIS ARTICLE**

Commissioner Strahan stated after a Storm Debris article came out in the Taney County Times he went through the audio of the Commission Minutes to address inconsistencies within the article. Commissioner Strahan publically reviewed the areas of concern.

Commissioner Houseman had no comment until this article had been read on public radio. It was his opinion the article needed to be addressed by Legal Counsel.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Pete Breting with Developmental Connections went before the Commission. The month of March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. Casper Mann, Michael Droy and Jennifer Bendal, Chapter Treasurer went before the Commission to represent their Chapter which met monthly. A bake sale fundraiser, with proceeds going to the Red Cross, would be held at the Tantone thrift shop March 31 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Commissioner Houseman read the proclamation. Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Proclamation. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

The Commission signed the proclamation. Casper Mann thanked the Commission for taking time to hear the Chapter representatives and to sign the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION**

Executive Order      PROCLAMATION

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS,            the month of March, 2012 has been designated as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in order to celebrate and recognize people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS,            disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of people with disabilities to make choices, contribute to society and experience in full the many blessings of American society; and

WHEREAS,            family members, friends and the community at large all play a role in supporting people with disabilities as they pursue their dreams; and

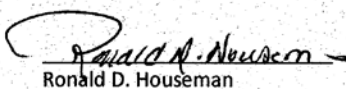
WHEREAS,            the goals of this County properly include helping people with developmental disabilities realize full access to housing, employment and the recreation activities which help create productive and satisfying lives, and to live as independently as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of Taney County MO do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012, as

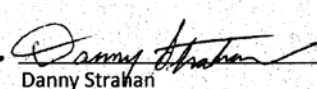
**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

in Taney County and call upon the citizens of Taney County to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities in support of our citizens with developmental disabilities.

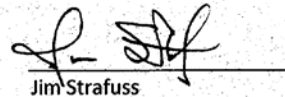
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have set our hands and confirmed this proclamation with the great seal of Taney County on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.



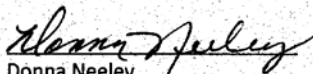
Ronald D. Houseman  
Presiding Commissioner



Danny Strahan  
Eastern Dist. Commissioner



Jim Strafuss  
Western Dist. Commissioner

Attest:   
Donna Neeley  
County Clerk



## **DISASTER RECOVERY JOBS PROGRAM OPT OUT LETTER**

Randy Haes of Road and Bridge went before the Commission to discuss the Disaster Relief Program brought about by last spring's flooding. The job program was utilized to remove flooding debris and there was no need for an extension.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program Opt-Out Letter. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

## **SUMMER BOE PLANNING WORK SESSION**

County Clerk Donna Neeley and Assessor James Strahan went before the Commission to discuss scheduling of the BOE calendar. Commissioner Houseman asked for the statutory first date. Ms. Neeley thought it was the first Monday in July. Donna Neeley stated as the Clerk's Office was setting up for election the following week that it be left open. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Houseman stated the Commission needed to know how many days were going to be needed. Commissioner Strafuss suggested longer days versus quantity of days. Discussion ensued. Donna would like to research how the state handled the Joplin Tornado. Discussion would be reposted.

## **STAFF DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE – ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Randy Haes, Harlan Collins, David Stottle and Devon Huff went before the Commission to provide a Road and Bridge update. Mr. Haes stated we received culverts and would schedule.

Commissioner Strafuss exited the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

A culvert would be put in at Gunnison next week as well as work on K Hwy. Road and Bridge was going back into the normal work process.

Commissioner Strahan asked about availability of grinder tubs for stumps. Mr. Haes planned on having that information this afternoon. Boys Camp Road was discussed. The Commission thanked the Road and Bridge crew for their disaster work.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL UPDATE PER SECTION 610.021(1), (2), (3) & (12)**

Commissioner Strahan moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1), (2), (3) and (12). Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (absent).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:01 AM**

Commissioner Strafuss entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

See Executive Session Minutes for actions, if any.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

## **OUT OF EXECUTIVE**

**1:05 PM**

### **STORM UPDATE**

Melissa Duckworth of Emergency Management and Randy Haes with Road and Bridge went before the Commission to provide an update on the Storm results. Ms. Duckworth stated 34 properties were determined destroyed (permanently uninhabitable) by FEMA; 14 properties with major damage, 81 properties with minor damage, and another 26 properties affected in some way for a total of 155 properties. In all, 200 properties were visited. The Multi Agency Resource had closed the physical location, but if people need help they could call the hotline at 866-206-0256 for owners as well as renters. Donations would be handled at the Tri-Lakes Center. AmeriCorps will hand over volunteer process to area churches with First Presbyterian Church in Branson as the location Tom Wilcox, First Presbyterian Church will head the Tri Lakes Volunteer Reception Center, open at their Youth Building, which was a new location on Pacific Street to take place by the end of the week. 4000+ volunteer hours were logged, with the biggest challenge being gas prices. The long term recovery committee will be meeting on Monday. The Commission directed Melissa to have the toll free hotline number posted on the front page of the County Web Site.

Randy Haes stated crews had made an initial round to all damaged sites but debris was still on right-of-ways. Tree stumps were the biggest problem. Piles at Shoals Park Bend had been burnt, and debris being brought in was light. He had made contacts for a stump grinder but didn't have a cost at this time. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Strahan asked if there would be a ravine to haul and dump the stumps. Commissioner Houseman asked what kind of undertaking would stump removal be and was waiting on a call from USDA for additional funds. Commissioner Strahan suggested an ad be placed with news media for a location in the Mount Branson and T Highway area for residents to take stumps. Commissioner Houseman said the County needed to contact the City of Branson and work in concert with them, needed to know tub grinder costs prior to action and work with press getting word out for locations to dump stumps.

David Stottle talked to Springfield's Transfer Station and said they couldn't handle our debris. Commissioner Strahan said safety was an issue if the transfer station gets too busy.

Devon Huff said 14 stumps were on the property and needed to be pushed back away from the road. Discussion would be re-posted on Thursday.

## **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve payroll as follows:

*PAYROLL DATE: March 16, 2012*

*GCR: 112928 - 112948*

*RB: 112907 - 112922*

*AF: 112923 - 112925*

*TS: 112926 - 112927*

*911: NONE*

*Manual Warrants: 5595 - 5596*

*Accounts Payable: 328286 - 328304*

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

## **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve previously held check 328161. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

## **AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW**

The Commission met with Nikki Lawrence to review agenda requests.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL UPDATE PER SECTION 610.021(1), (2), (3) & (12)**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1), (2), (3) and (12). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1:43 PM**

See Executive Session Minutes for actions, if any.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

### **OUT OF EXECUTIVE**

**4:41 PM**

**RECONVENED**  
**4:45 PM**

Commissioner Strahan exited the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve accounts payable check 328259. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (absent) and Strafuss (aye).

**RECESS**  
**4:46 PM**

The minutes were taken and typed by Lyn Wieneke, Deputy Clerk.