

**OFFICIAL**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2012, 21st DAY OF**  
**THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commission Conference Room at 9:27 a.m. with Ron Houseman, and Danny Strahan present, Jim Strafuss entered the meeting at 9:50am. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

**BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

Brandon Williams Western District Commissioner Elect was present for the budget discussions along with Rick Findley County Auditor, and Donna Neeley County Clerk.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL PER SECTION 610.021.3**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3 at 10:49 a.m., Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye). Brandon Williams Western District Commissioner Elect was present.

No motions were made.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3 at 10:59a.m. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye). Brandon Williams Western District Commissioner Elect was present

Commissioner Strahan left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Commission Reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Commission Recessed at 11:28 a.m.

Commission Reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Commission Recessed at 12:30 p.m.

Commission Reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

**PROPOSED STARTING POINT FOR 2013 BUDGET**

Commissioner Houseman stated that the Commission has discussed during budget hearings to set everyone's budget at their 2012 approved budget amounts plus the salary increases approved during 2012 and to have Rick Findley send out an e-mail to all elected officials and department

heads explaining the process. Commissioner Strafuss agreed with the proposed e-mail and Rick Findley forwarded the e-mail to all Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Approved E-Mail:

*The 2013 budgetary discussions have been hampered by the fact that there is \$4,600,000 more in requested expenditures from department heads/elected officials than there are anticipated revenues for the year.*

*As a result, the commission has agreed to a new starting point for budgetary considerations for all department heads/elected officials. Each department (with a few exceptions) will be granted the amount of revenues approved in 2012 plus the employee salary increases approved mid-year by the county commission. The commission plans to begin the budget process from this perspective.*

*All department heads/elected officials will be granted an opportunity to discuss budgetary considerations with the commission.*

Commission Recessed at 12:58 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL PER SECTION 610.021.3**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3 at 12:58p.m., Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (absent), and Strafuss (aye). Brandon Williams Western District Commissioner Elect was present.

No motions were made.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3 at 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (absent), and Strafuss (aye). Brandon Williams Western District Commissioner Elect was present

Minutes taken and typed by Donna Neeley, County Clerk.