

**OFFICIAL  
COMMISSION MINUTES  
JULY 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF  
THE JULY ADJOURN TERM**

**FORMAL AGENDA**

The County Commission met in the Commission Hearing Room with Mike Scofield (present), Brandon Williams (absent), and Sheila Wyatt (present).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CALL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER**

Presiding Commissioner Mike Scofield called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**COMMISSION REMARKS**

Commissioner Wyatt read a news article found in Fox News, USA Today, and several other news channels with a statement interview given by Dr. Jane Appleby, Chief Medical Doctor at Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas about a young man who went to a COVID party. A COVID-19 party is when someone who is diagnosed with the disease has friends over to see who can beat the disease. The young man thought the disease was a hoax but later said, “I think I made a mistake and later died.” Please practice Social Distancing and cover your face and make good choices for our neighbors and loved ones.

Commissioner Williams entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT**

David Clark, County Auditor, presented the Monthly Budget Report to the Commission.

**2020 AMENDMENT ORDER**

David Clark, County Auditor, was present.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the 2020 Amendment Order. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Checks #459754 through Check #459784, Checks #459786 through #459833, Warrants #7431 through #7436, no journal entries and transfers. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

*Commissioner Wyatt left the meeting 9:10 a.m.*

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Check # 459785. Presiding Commissioner Scofield seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (absent).

*Commissioner Wyatt entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.*

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes for July 6, 2020 with corrections. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes for July 9, 2020 with corrections. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

### **TREASURER PRESENTING SEMI ANNUAL REPORT**

Melanie Smith, County Treasurer, was present.

Commissioner William moved to accept and enter into record the Semi Annual Settlement and Investment Report as presented by the Treasurer. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

### **BID RECOMMENDATION FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION SERVICES #202006-452**

Nikki Lawrence, Director of Purchasing/Legal Liaison, was present.

Commissioner Williams moved to award Bid #202006-452 to Tri Lakes Newspaper Incorporated out of Branson, Missouri. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

### **DISCUSSION OF THE 2020 TAX SALE PER 140.160 RSMo.**

Mona Cope, County Collector, was present.

Commissioner Williams moved into the record that the Collector Office will not be having a Tax Sale this year and will go to a three year tax sale. Commissioner Wyatt second with discussion.

Commissioner Williams amended his motion to add as allowed by RSMo140.160. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

July 13, 2020

RE: 2020 Tax Sale per RSMo 140.160

Per Missouri State Statute 140.160, a tax sale shall be commenced within three years of delinquent taxes. Collectors may have the sale when taxes are delinquent 1 year or 2 years, but they must have a tax sale and offer the property by 3 three years delinquency.

For at least the past 8 years, Taney County has had a Tax Sale when property taxes are delinquent 2 years. This year, I would like to change that practice and have the tax sale at 3 years delinquent taxes.

My reasons are:

1. COVID19 recommendations of social distancing and wearing a face mask would make it high risk to our Tax Sale Bidders to be in close quarters for several hours here in the Commission Hearing Room. The past 3 years we have had 80-100 bidders with extra seating and spill over into the halls. While wearing a mask will make for a safer environment, it will make it difficult to speak and hear the bids.
2. The economic impact the COVID19 virus has had and continues to have on our taxpayers. Taney County has taxpayers all over the US and even living around the world. Giving them an extra year to pay their taxes will hopefully help relieve some of their stress.
3. Certified mail is a requirement of the Tax Sale notification process. This year, because of COVID19, the USPO was not requiring signatures on the certified mail. Because of this, it is recommended that signs be posted on the properties that are delinquent. As of this morning, that would be 716 signs posted in our county. Again, I think this would cause extra stress to our taxpayers that for at least another year, I believe could be avoided or at least lessened.

As an added note, last year's Tax Sale was August 26<sup>th</sup>. I offered 686, A, B and C properties. As of this morning I have 717, A, B and C properties. That is within 31 of last year. Last year I sold 84 A, B & C properties.

I sent out a questionnaire to all the Missouri Collectors and got back the following:

Out of 114 counties, 57 responded. 24 have a 2 year tax sale and 33 have a 3 year tax sale.

It is my recommendation and decision to cancel the 2020 Tax Sale for the benefit of the Taxpayer.

Respectfully,



Mona Cope

Taney County Collector

## CARES ACT AGREEMENT AND NOTICE OF DECISION AND DISTRIBUTIONS AGREEMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to amend the agenda item CARES Act Agreement and Notice of Decision and Distributions Agreement to CARES Act Application and Press Release.

Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

Commissioner Williams moved to approve to the CARES Act Fund Application and Press Release noting that Melissa Duckworth will be the contact person and that the Applications will be due back by July 24, 2020 and those changes to be made. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

## AGREEMENT FOR DE-ICING MATERIALS #20-075RB

Devin Huff, Road and Bridge Administrator, was present. Presiding Commissioner Scofield referenced a letter from their attorney.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Agreement for De-Icing Materials by and between Taney County and Central Salt LLC. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

No. 20-075RB

### AGREEMENT for DE-ICING MATERIALS

THIS AGREEMENT dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 is made between Taney County, Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, (hereinafter "County") and Central Salt, LLC. (hereinafter "Contractor").

NOW, THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual considerations and obligations of the parties contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Contract Documents. The contract documents to this Agreement for the purchase of De-Icing Materials for various Taney County facilities ("Product") shall include the Contractor's bid response to County's Request For Bid #202006-451 and any applicable addenda which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Service or product data, specifications and literature submitted may be permanently maintained in the County Purchasing Office. In the event of a conflict between any of the foregoing Contract Documents, and this Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.

2. Contract Price. Product provided under this Agreement shall not exceed the price as quoted in the attached bid response of \$81.95 per ton, with a delivery time not to exceed 2-4 days. Product will be purchased on an "as needed" basis. No minimums or maximums will be required purchased by County. If certain unusual circumstances occur regarding delivery or product availability, the County may consider all other options, including the next lowest Bidder.

3. Contract Duration. This agreement shall commence on the date it is fully executed and extend for 12 months thereafter, subject to the provisions for termination specified below. This agreement may be automatically renewed for three (3) additional one (1) year periods by order of the County Commission subject to the pricing clauses as agreed to, and offered by the Contractor's bid response. This agreement may be renewed thereafter on a month to month basis for up to six months in the event the County is unable to re-bid and award a new contract prior to full expiration.

4. Billing and Payment. All billing shall be invoiced with specific department information and include bid reference #202006-451 for tracking. Billings and invoices may only include the prices provided for via this Agreement. No additional fees or extra services not included, or taxes, shall be included as additional charges in excess of the charges in this Agreement or the Contract Documents. The County agrees to pay all correct statements within thirty days of receipt; Contractor agrees to honor any cash or prompt payment discounts, if any are available, when County makes payment as provided therein. In the event of a billing dispute, the County reserves the right to withhold payment on the disputed amount.

5. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and assigns for so long as this Agreement remains in full force and effect.

**DRAINAGE EASEMENT DONATION LETTER AND WAIVER OF APPRAISAL –  
DALTON ROAD  
JOSEPH AND KIMBERLY NORWINE  
ROBERT & ANITA DALTON**

**RIGHT OF WAY DONATION LETTER AND WAIVER OF APPRAISAL –  
MICHAEL H. & LINDA BRITTAIN  
C. WAYNE GRIGGS & DONNA JEAN GRIGGS  
JERRY & SHERRY HENNING**

Devin Huff, Road and Bridge Administrator was present.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Donation Letter and Waiver of Appraisal for Drainage Easement through Dalton Road Crossing placement over Brown Branch with Joseph and Kimberly Norwine, Robert and Anita Dalton, Michael & Linda Brittain, Jerry & Sherry Henning, and C. Wayne Griggs and Donna Jean Griggs. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

**RECESS: 9:41 A.M.**

**RECONVENE: 10:04 A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:04 A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSIN PER SECTION 610.021.(1)(3)(LEGAL & PERSONNEL)**

*(Taney County Commission Conference Room)*

Present: Presiding Commissioner Scofield, Commissioner Williams, and Commissioner Wyatt.

*See the Executive Minutes for any motions made or votes taken.*

**END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:24 A.M.**

**RECONVENNE: 10:27 A.M.**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Check #459834 and Warrants #7437 through #7438. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

**DAILY STAFF REVIEW AND AGENDA REQUESTS**

*(Taney County Commission Conference Room)*

Present: Presiding Commissioner Scofield, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Wyatt.

The Commission met with their staff to review the day's business and go over agenda requests.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scofield (aye), Williams (aye), and Wyatt (aye).

**ADJOURN**

**10:32 A.M.**

*The minutes were taken and typed by Kim Lovelace, Deputy Clerk.*