

**OFFICIAL
COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 29th, 2024 – 9th DAY OF
THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM**

FORMAL AGENDA

The County Commission met in the Commission Hearing Room with Nick Plummer (present), Brandon Williams (present), and Sheila Wyatt (present).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CALL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING TO ORDER

Presiding Commissioner Nick Plummer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSION REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Wyatt moved to approve Checks #474586 through Check #474678, Warrants #8317 through Warrant #8318 and two Journal Entries/Transfers. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Commissioner Williams moved to approve payroll. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

PRESENTATION OF 2023 SERVICE AWARDS

Presiding Commissioner Plummer presented the 2023 Taney County Service Awards to the following employees:

Sheriff's Department

Andrew Wilder – 5 years
Christopher Rosenberger – 5 years
John Parker - 5 years
Corey Rogers – 10 years
Greg Mcrae – 15 years
Billy Randell – 15 years
Charles Davis – 15 years
Jason Burtless – 15 years
Kyle Essary – 15 years
William Keys – 20 years
Holly Perryman – 20 years

Prosecuting Attorney

Samantha Yianitsas – 5 years
Taylor Durr – 5 years
Paula Thurman – 15 years

Road & Bridge

Myron Dixon – 10 years
Tom Todd – 10 years
Darrel Moore – 25 years
Tom Trotter - 35 years

Recorder of Deeds

Jody Stahl – 5 years

Assessor

Kathy Dorsey – 15 years

Commission

Presley Cozort – 5 years
Sherry Simpson – 5 years

Maintenance

John Horner – 5 years
Andrew Brown – 5 years

911 Administration

Judie Gross – 30 years
Tammy Hagler – 30 years

Brandon Williams – 10 years

County Clerk

Kim Lovelace – 5 years

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Regular Session Minutes for January 23rd, 2024. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Executive Session Minutes for January 23rd, 2024. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR 2024 MASTER GARDENER GRANT

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Letter of permission for the Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Grant Committee. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

WHITE RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGREEMENT 2024 #24-010CM

Commissioner Wyatt moved to approve the agreement between White River Valley Historical Society Incorporated and Taney County. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

No. 24-010CM

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WHITE RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
AND TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI**

This agreement is entered into by Taney County, Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri (hereafter "County") and The White River Valley Historical Society Inc., a not-for-profit corporation (hereafter "Society"), pursuant to Section 70.220, RSMo., for the mutual benefit of the parties and the public in providing for a common service.

WHEREAS, Society will continue to scan, digitize and index historical documents, including records of County governmental offices, and provide public access to those records; and

WHEREAS, Society will continue to operate and maintain a research library and historical Museum at the White River Valley Historical Society and will operate and maintain the Branson Centennial Museum where historical documents and other items of historical interest and value are available for viewing by the public, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Society will prepare and maintain maps of cemeteries in County, and compile information regarding individuals interred in the cemeteries, all of which will be available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Society will create and maintain oral histories from long-term residents of County, all of which will be available to the public, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the activities of Society constitute a common public service of substantial value to the public and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Society, each for and in consideration of the promises of the other contained herein, agree:

1. Services. Society will perform the services and activities described in the whereas clauses set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein, in consideration of the payments described in paragraph 2, below.
2. Compensation. In consideration for the services described in paragraph 1, above, and to assist with the expense of providing services to the public, County shall pay Society: \$37,500 upon approval of executed agreement; \$37,500 on or before April 30, 2024; \$37,500 on or before July 31, 2024; and \$37,500 on or before October 31, 2024. County may, in its sole discretion pay additional amounts to Society in excess of \$150,000, upon the basis of need as demonstrated by Society.
3. Term. The term of this agreement shall commence on January 1, 2024, upon execution by all parties and shall terminate December 31, 2024.
4. Insurance: Indemnity. Society will obtain and maintain liability insurance coverage applicable to any claims for damage arising out of the activities of Society, and shall indemnify, release, and hold harmless County, its agents, employees and officers from any causes of action arising out of or in any way related to this agreement, financial support by County of Society, or the actions of Society.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONTRACT 2024 #24-009CM

Commissioner Wyatt moved to approve the Economic Development Project Contract by and between Taney County, Missouri and the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

No. 24-009CM

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONTRACT
BETWEEN TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI
AND THE BRANSON/LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

This Contract, made this 29th day of January 2024, by and between Taney County, Missouri ("County") and the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber").

WHEREAS, County and Chamber desire to enter into an agreement to promote the economic well-being of the public by obtaining the services of an economic consultant in order to bring new jobs and increase business development in Taney County, Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Contract and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** The term of this Contract shall be effective as of the date of execution by the parties and shall terminate on December 31, 2024, and shall not automatically renew, except upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

2. **Fee.** In consideration of the services to be provided by the Chamber pursuant to this Contract, the County shall pay to the Chamber the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000), within thirty (30) days of the date this Contract is fully executed.

3. **Services to be Provided.** During the term of this Contract, the Chamber shall operate an organization to be known as the Taney County Partnership (hereafter "Partnership") for the purpose of promoting economic development in Taney County, Missouri. For the term of this Contract, the Chamber will employ an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Partnership. All salary and benefits of the Executive Director shall be the responsibility of the Chamber. The services to be provided shall include, but are not limited to:

- a. Serve as the point of contact for economic development in Taney County, Missouri;
- b. Development and performance of a comprehensive program to promote Taney County as a prime area to locate new businesses and expand existing businesses
- c. Evaluate and work to develop and maintain appropriate infrastructure necessary to foster economic development opportunities in Taney County, Missouri;
- d. Engage in business retention and expansion efforts by soliciting input from existing businesses to determine how best to serve existing business and evaluating the development of programs and efforts to leverage existing assets to promote business;
- e. Evaluate and conduct appropriate business recruitment activities designed to recruit prospective businesses to the community and provide new jobs;
- f. Assess issues of concern to local businesses and assist with promoting a healthy business climate within Taney County, Missouri;

AGREEMENT FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES (1 OR MORE) #24-007S

Brad Daniels, Sheriff, was present. Presiding Commissioner Plummer referenced a letter from their Attorney.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Agreement for Sheriff’s Department Vehicles by and between NRoute Enterprises, LLC and Taney County. Commissioner Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

No. 24-007S

AGREEMENT
for
Sheriff’s Department Vehicles (1 or more)

THIS AGREEMENT dated the 29th day of January 2024 is made between Taney County, Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, (hereinafter “County”) and NRoute Enterprises LLC of Ozark, Missouri (hereinafter “Vendor”).

NOW, THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual consideration 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 one (1) or more Sheriff’s Department Vehicles (“Vehicles”) shall include the State of Missouri contract #CC240753002 and any applicable addenda. All such documents shall constitute the “Contract Documents”, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Service or product data, specifications and literature submitted with bid response may be permanently maintained in the County Purchasing Office bid file for this bid if not attached. 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. The County agrees to purchase from the Vendor and the Vendor agrees to sell to the County the Vehicles pursuant to the Contract Documents for the contract price of \$44,000 per Vehicle, with a total current purchase price of \$660,000 for fifteen vehicles. If certain unusual circumstances occur specific to Vehicle availability, the County may consider all other options.

3. Contract Duration. This Agreement shall commence on the date it is fully executed and terminate upon expiration of all applicable warranties, subject to the provisions for termination specified below. This Agreement may only be extended by the order of the County subject to the pricing and delivery clauses as agreed to and offered by the Vendor’s bid response.

4. Billing and Payment. All billing shall be invoiced with specific department information for tracking. 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; Vendor 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.

6. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior negotiations, written or verbal, and any other bid or bid specification or contractual Agreement. This Agreement may only be amended by a signed writing executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

COURT ORDERS

Jennifer Hutchison, Deputy Clerk and Alicia Caperton, Deputy Assessor, were present.

Commissioner Wyatt moved to approve Exhibit “A” of Abatements for Monday, dated January 29th, 2024. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Plummer (aye), Williams (aye) and Wyatt (aye).

FP PAID ABATEMENTS											
AbNumber	AbYear	Status	Date	Account	Name	Reason	EstVal	AdjVal	Approved	Denied	Tabled
300894	2023	PENDING	2024-01-18	1-131939-900	DIXON DEXTER & JERI	INCORRECTLY ASSESSED	4000	-23564	X		
300895	2023	PENDING	2024-01-18	1-131939-900	SCHNAUFER MICHAEL & BARBARA	MH WAS ASSESSED INCORRECTLY	7760	-18750	X		
300896	2023	PENDING	2024-01-18	1-131762-900	WRIGHT KEITH A	MH WAS ASSESSED INCORRECTLY	6620	-12149	X		
300897	2023	PENDING	2024-01-18	1-131939-900	SCHNAUFER JEFFREY M	MH ASSESSED INCORRECTLY	4903	-18295	X		
300898	2023	PENDING	2024-01-19	1-95158-900	PREMIER LANDSCAPES LLC	TWO VEHICLES NOT OWNED JAN 1ST	50750	-33660	X		

Presiding Commissioner NP ; Eastern Commissioner SW ; Western Commissioner WD

SIMMERING CENTER PRESENTATION

Merna Leisure-Eppick, Principal Officer, was present.

Discussion ensued.

OLLIS|AKERS|ARNEY PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS (MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 610.021.(1)(3)(12) (LEGAL, PERSONNEL & CONTRACTS)

John Akers, Insurance Broker of Record for Ollis|Akers|Arney representing Taney County and Erica Gaynor, Group Benefits Advisor, were present.

Discussion ensued.

RECESS: 9:50 A.M.

RECONVENE: 9:58 A.M.

ROAD & BRIDGE ROUND TABLE

(Taney County Commission Conference Room)

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

Also present: Garen McElroy, Great River Engineering, Devin Huff, Road & Bridge Administrator, Jack Cole, Assistant Road & Bridge Administrator, Scott Terpening, Building & Grounds, Scott Starrett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Amber Epps, Planning & Zoning Assistant and Lesley Wallace, Deputy Clerk.

Discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 10:36 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 610.021(1)(3)(12) (LEGAL, PERSONNEL & CONTRACTS)

(Taney County Commission Conference Room)

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

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

END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:07 A.M.

DAILY STAFF REVIEW AND AGENDA REQUESTS

(Taney County Commission Conference Room)

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

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

Also present: Tami Koran, Commission Assistant.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ADJOURN: 11:10 A.M.

The minutes were taken by Nick Plummer, Presiding Commissioner, and Lesley Wallace, Deputy Clerk, and typed by Lesley Wallace, Deputy Clerk.

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