

**AUGUST 13, 2008 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF  
THE JULY ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commission Office at 9:05 pursuant to adjourn with all members present and the following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**AMENDED TERRITORY AGREEMENT  
CITY OF BRANSON**

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the amended Territory Agreement for the City of Branson. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

**BOB PAULSON  
WORK SESSION**

Counselor Paulson met with the Commission to give an update on his case load and his schedule. Counselor Paulson noted that he was keeping his log as requested but added that when he gets busy and forgets, it takes a while to go back and recreate his log.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion that the Commission meet with Counselor Paulson once a week rather than twice a week as it's just an update. Commissioner Herschend noted that he would like to keep it at twice a week as he didn't see Counselor Paulson using the forms as directed.

Counselor Paulson noted that he has started using the approved forms and had Mark Parent, Airport Manager fill out a form for work that the airport board had asked me to do, even though I had already completed the work. Commissioner Pennel noted that even if there is no report it would be good to have it scheduled. Commissioner Herschend noted that he looked at Monday being the updates and Wednesday to approve the forms.

Counselor Paulson gave the Commission an update on the airport meeting that he attended the previous day noting that the Lawler and DeWeese contracts were being worked on. Commissioner Herschend cautioned Counselor Paulson as it seems that he was not following his schedule adding that by working on the contracts for three hours, those were three hours that the Commission did not approve. Counselor Paulson noted that the issue was fresh on his mind.

Commissioner Pennel commented that Counselor Paulson mentioned his log previously, and he agreed that if you forget it is hard to recreate, however if you write it down as it happens it is easier.

Commissioner Strahan indicated that he would like to have a discussion regarding the amount of paperwork the Commission is asking our people that we have hired to do

the job, to do their job. Commissioner Strahan stated that he would bring this issue up at a later time for discussion.

### **TELEVISION BIDS JAIL PODS**

Tressa Luttrell, County Administrator presented the Commission with the quotes for the televisions in the jail pods. Ms. Luttrell noted that she had received two, one from best buy and one from CDW-G which are the hospital grade televisions like requested. This means that when the electricity goes off, central control can turn them all back on by touching a button on the screen. Commissioner Herschend stated that there is no reason for the extra money. The Jailers can walk around and turn each TV on with a remote control. Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the purchase of televisions from Best Buy contingent that Stuarts Sales & Service not having a bid by noon today. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**RECESS**  
10:00 a.m.

**RECONVENE**  
10:30 a.m.

### **AERONAUTICAL SURVEY RFQ**

Mark Parent, Airport Manager and Dave Woolery, Chairman of the Airport Board met with the Commission to discuss the recent RFQ for an Aeronautical Survey. Mr. Parent explained the reasoning for an Aeronautical Survey to the Commission noting that one of the reasons to have said survey was to provide opportunity to the FAA to publish lower minimums.

Mr. Parent noted for the county not to participate would put the county in a stand alone per say. Mr. Parent added that the Airport Board's choice to pay for this survey even if it would not be paid for by the grant. By not doing this would put us in a bind as it provides the most accurate data for the airport layout plan.

Commissioner Herschend asked what the costs were. Mr. Parent commented \$37,000 and we have those monies in the current coffers. Commissioner Herschend made a motion to expend the funds for the Aeronautical Survey. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

### **EMERGENCY CLOSURE PLAN**

Commissioner Herschend inquired about the Emergency Closure Plan. Mr. Parent explained the procedures for closing the airport in the event there is an accident.

Commissioner Herschend noted that he would feel more comfortable knowing the FAA plan or process and discussed having some information available should someone else want to close the airport, to ensure that they are following the same procedures. Mr. Parent noted that the FAA and “others” do not have the authority to close the airport, that it is up to him, then his staff, then Dave Woolery as Chairman.

**RECESS**

11:47 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

12:59 p.m.

**ANIMAL CONTROL  
DISCUSSION**

Charles Avery, Branson Animal Control Officer, Stephanie Mundell, Office Manager and Rick Lunt, Animal Control Officer for Taney County met with the Commission to discuss some issues at the Kennel regarding an employee.

Mr. Avery noted that he was before the Commission to give them a head’s up on image Ms. McGuire was giving the county as he attended the recent training with her. Mr. Avery commented that Ms. McGuire argued with the instructors constantly or was otherwise talking during the training. She was an embarrassment to the county and was indeed a poor showing. Mr. Avery noted that he had several issues with Ms. McGuire noting that she has no people skills and added that she is and continues to give the county a bad name. The Commission thanked Mr. Avery for taking the time out of his schedule to address his issues.

Ms. Mundell addressed the issue of using the county vehicle while on call. Ms. Mundell noted that she had previously informed Ms. McGuire that her personal vehicle would need to be left at the kennel while she was on call, as Ms. Mundell didn’t feel that citizens should have to pay to get her back and forth when she was turning over the vehicle. Commissioner Herschend asked if Ms. Mundell had really thought through what she said. What if Ms. McGuire needed to go to the grocery store after hours and her personal vehicle is at the kennel, do you want her using the county vehicle to go to the grocery store. Ms. Mundell noted that it was a good point.

Commissioner Pennel questioned that he didn’t understand, if Ms. Mundell had put a stop to the issue why was she here discussing it today. Ms. Mundell noted that she had taken off a couple of days and while she was gone Ms. McGuire had Mr. Lunt drive her home when she went off call. Commissioner Herschend stated that he thought Ms. Mundell was on a witch hunt. Commissioner Pennel noted that for Ms. Mundell and Mr. Lunt to have Mr. Avery come to a Commission meeting, it seems like there is more you want to discuss. Commissioner Herschend added that for the Commission to take action on an assumption is wrong.

Commissioner Pennel noted that Commissioner Strahan had indicated that he would take over Animal Control should he win the election, and added that he was ready to turn the department over. Commissioner Strahan stated that he would like to officially take over when he receives a revised budget and get some things cleared up.

Commissioner Herschend suggested that job descriptions be created for the positions.

**RICK HUFFMAN  
HCW**

Mr. Huffman came before the Commission to request a support letter to MHDC (Missouri Housing Development Commission) for the Valley Ridge Phase 2 project. Mr. Huffman presented the Commission with a complete plan for the project.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to write a letter of support for the Valley Ridge Phase 2 project. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

Commissioner Herschend exited the meeting.

**CODE OF ETHICS**

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve the Code of Ethics as presented by Clerk Neeley. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

Commissioner Herschend entered the meeting.

**STEVE WEYHER  
PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Pennel presented the Commission with a draft copy of a proclamation for Steve Weyher.

**RON CLEEK  
CLAIM AGAINST PRESIDING COMMISSIONER**

Ron Cleek, Christian County Prosecutor gave the following report regarding claims of Nepotism against Presiding Commissioner Pennel:

Minutes taken and typed by Tressa Luttrell.