

OFFICIAL MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 2009, 15TH DAY OF THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in the Commission Office at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjourn. Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan, and Jim Strafuss were present and the following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

UPDATE OF JUDICIAL CENTER AFTER ICE STORM

Tressa Luttrell gave an updated on the effects of the ice storm on the new Judicial Center, which included four leaks in the roof, one broken rooftop unit, and problems with the elevator, sprinklers, and generator.

After a discussion of the issues, Tressa was given the following directives: 1) To contact Conklin and say the contractor that did the original work on the roof is out of business, we have a bad job, and what can they do to help us. 2) Contact Wheeler to find out if they have snow breaks. 3) Look at getting a blade for the lawnmower. 4) Block everything off and unblock as the snow/ice is being cleared. 5) Add the Commissioners to the e-mail list when she sends documentation to Walton and Septagon of the specific problems with the building. 6) Set a follow up meeting with Septagon and Walton regarding the problems

During the meeting, Frank Preston was instructed, via e-mail, to contact the City of Forsyth to find out if we can have one of our Road and Bridge trucks clear the ice on the street next to the curb where cars park. Tressa Luttrell left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

POWERSITE LANDOWNER

The commissioners discussed the unnamed landowner who is requesting that the county not maintain the road any longer because her yard is being torn up when the snow plows turn around. Chuck Pennell will talk with her further.

PERSONNEL POLICY ON INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Commissioners discussed the current policy of closing the county offices during bad weather and the policy of not paying employees if they are not able to report to work. The commissioners agreed that the policy should currently stand, however Jim Strafuss will look at the policies of other counties and the state and will report back to the other Commissioners for future reevaluation.

NUISANCE CASES

There was a brief discussion about the fact that the county needed the help of the Health Department on nuisance cases.

ALLTEL

Jim Strafuss brought the details of an Alltel proposal that would replace the county's current cell phone plan. There was a general agreement that it would be a good deal for the county and Jim Strafuss will follow up with Alltel to ask a few more questions.

RECESS 10:45 AM

RECONVENE IN COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM 11:00 AM

Y HWY SEWER PROJECT

Russell Jackson came to find out the support level of the Commissioners on the project and if they supported extending the service lines to the septic tank or to the property lines. The commissioners gave their support to going all the way to the septic tank, in keeping with the spirit and intent of the original county projects.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

Frank Preston updated the Commissioners on the impact of the ice storm in Protem. He also requested permission to work on the airport truck; gave information on the amount of salt used in the recent ice storm; and was given direction to release those facts to the media.

DAM SITE SEWER PROJECT

John Soutee received a call from the Attorney General's office about an enforcement action against the Hillbilly Country Motel. They wanted to know if it was still agreeable with the county to let them be a part of the sewer line, if they are willing to pay all the costs. The commissions said they were in agreement with that.

MISCELLANEOUS

A variety of topics were briefly addressed and will be brought up again in the future: The possibility of moving Clayton Cooper's office to house the IDA office; cardboard and paper recycling; animal control being taken over by the Humane Society; setting a work session with Frank Preston about personnel; establishing a policy on media reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Minutes taken and typed by Cindy Hemenway