

OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 13, 2009 5th DAY OF THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 AM with Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan, and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

Prayer led by Chuck Pennel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the minutes for 4/6, 4/7 and 4/8. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner DS moved to approve the following Accounts payable:

Checks: 309290 – 309302, 309389 – 309474

Voided: 309303 - 309388

Warrants: 4999 - 5000

Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. . Motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Herschend commented on equal opportunity employer notification missing from newspaper ad.

Bob Schanz commented on the east/west corridor article in the Branson Daily News.

Jeff Knight addressed the Commission about the appliance cleanup at the transfer station. The Commission instructed Mr. Knight that Tressa Luttrell was writing up the specs for a bid since there is more than one person interested in doing that business and that she will send the bid specifications to him when finished.

Friday and Saturday April 17 & 18 are the spring trash pickup in the county at Kissee Mills and at the Transfer Station at Branson.

POWELL ROAD VACATION

Commissioner Strafuss moved to table Powell road vacation. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

MICKEY GILLEY BENEFIT

Mickey Gilley presented a check for animal food at the animal control shelter in the amount of \$2,501.33 as a result of a 3 day benefit show. Also received 793 bags of dog food plus cat food and dog bones. The Commission expressed their thanks to Mr. Gilley for his success in this effort.

STATE TAX COMMISSION VERSUS TANEY COUNTY

Commissioner Pennel discussed status of the lawsuit and status of the settlement agreement.

BID AWARD - NEWSPAPER SERVICE

Commission Pennel moved to approve Taney County Times as primary and Branson Daily News as secondary for legal publications and want ads. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

JAMES STRAHAN –TAXATION AND MISREPRESENTATION

James Strahan commented on the inaccuracy of the headline and article in the paper concerning the assessor's budget.

Commissioner Pennel commented on his position concerning the lawsuit and settlement agreement with the State Tax Commission.

Dorothy Johnston commented on speaking with the State Tax Commission about the assessor's office.

Commissioner Strahan commented on news media coverage.

Ron Herschend commented that he thought James Strahan has done a good job of running his office on a reasonable budget.

Sam Clanton commented on the existence of editors that write headlines and that the reporters are just doing their job.

Commissioner Pennel commented that he appreciates the Radio and Newspapers and the fact that we have a free press.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS
10:06 AM

RECONVENED IN COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
10:26 AM

Commissioners present: Chuck Pennel, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss.

Also present were Nikki Lawrence, Bob Paulson and Jim Yust.

NIKKI LAWRENCE – WORK SESSION WITH COMMISSION

Nikki reviewed open items that she needed to address with the commission.

BOB PAULSON – WORK SESSION WITH THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into executive session for litigation and/or personnel pursuant to RSMo 610.021. (1) & (3). Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. . The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

EXECUTIVE SESSION
10:43 AM

The minutes were taken and typed by Jim Yust, Deputy Clerk.

Bill Ray Foster
Branson Meadows Taxes

County Collector Sheila Wyatt brought a tax issue before the commission. Jim Strafuss made a motion to wave fees and penalties pursuant to 52.240 for 2007 and 2008 for Billy Ray Foster property number 8-9-30-0-0-63.000 due to a clerical error. Danny Strahan seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), and Strahan (aye).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go into Executive Session for Litigation and Personnel issue. Motion seconded by Chuck Pennel. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), and Strahan (aye).

Motions made can be found in Executive Session minutes.

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 2:07 pm pursuant to RSMo 610.021. (1) & (3). Danny Strahan seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), and Strahan (aye).

RECOVERY ACT RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Gary Morgan presented grant information to fund a county employee to work in the information systems department for two year. No motions made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel and litigation at 2:24 p.m. in the Commission Conference room. Members present Pennel, Strafuss, and Strahan. Other persons present Nikki Lawrence. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), Strahan (aye). No motions made. Discussed State Tax Commission litigation.

Jim Strafuss made a motion to go out of Executive Session at 2:57p.m.. Danny Strahan seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), Strahan (aye).

RECONVENED

Reconvened regular session of the commission at 2:48p.m.in the Commission conference Room. Members present Pennel, Strafuss, and Strahan.

BB/COON CREEK CUT-OFF EASEMENT

Jim Strafuss made a motion to table the Coon Creek issue. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye), Strahan (aye).

Recessed at 3:18

Minutes taken and typed by Donna Neeley