

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **May 26, 2009 26th DAY OF THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM**

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

Prayer led by Sherrie R-Veltkamp, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve minutes of May 18, and 19. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (absent).

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the following Accounts payable:

Checks: 310114 - 310204

Warrants: 5025

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **CEDAR MEADOWS – ROAD PETITION**

Cedar Meadows road petition was discussed by Frank Preston. Acadia road 0.11 miles has no homes on it.

Commissioner Strahan moved to table the petition until Commissioner Strafuss could be here. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (absent).

### **ELECTED OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

There were no comments from elected officials or department heads.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

**RECESS**

**9:10 AM**

The Commission reconvened in the Commission Conference Room on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM with Chuck Pennel and Danny Strahan present and Jim Strafuss absent. Also present Donna Neeley County Clerk, Ron Houseman, Ken Kline, Joan Chowning, and Becky Roberts with the IDA Board.

**MEDIA ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION-  
AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT**

Commission met with members of the Industrial Development Board, Ron Houseman, Becky Roberts, Ken Kline, and Joan Chowning. Also present was Mel Eakins and members of the news media.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Danny Strahan motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to 610.021.3. Chuck Pennel seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (absent), Strahan (aye).

Chuck Pennel motioned to go out of Executive Session. Danny Strahan seconded the motion. Motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (absent).

**RECONVENED**

**1:00 PM**

**RICK FINDLEY – ANIMAL CONTROL**

County Auditor, Rick Findley, stated his concern about the animal control adoption fee being too much and when we get a bad check, we lose. Rick said he was also concerned about the allocation of extra minutes on Alltel bill to IS, Auditor and Prosecutor's office.

Rick Findley said he would like to see 100% direct deposit on County Payroll. Rick is still concerned about the TIFs and cannibalism effect on the General County Revenues.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Country Hills drive calls taken this morning complaining about where the road maintenance ends. They would like to add 135 feet to include the House just before the big hill. The Commission agreed to fit it into the rotation of the work plan for Chip and Seal.

Commissioner Pennel moved to extend Country Hills drive 135 feet. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. . The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (absent).

Frank Preston reported a large storm in the Southeast part of the county right now and roads are being flooded.

Sam Day road was a complaint by a school Bus Driver for safety reasons, as it needs a guardrail. Frank is asking for approval to make these improvements at an estimate of \$30-50,000 for asphalt and guardrail.

Commissioner Strahan moved that we start temporary to permanent work on the Sam Day road project as crew schedule allows. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (absent).

The Commission has voiced serious concern about the timing of the proposals for the Coon Creek Project with EGIS. They authorized Frank Preston to call Joe Torvin concerning their response to the cost and timeliness of the proposal.

Frank has interviews scheduled on Friday from 1 – 2:30 PM.

Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS

2:42 PM

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