

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **June 29, 2009 41st DAY OF THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in The Commissioner's 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 Helen Souttee, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the minutes of May 29, June 1, 3, 5, 22, 23, and 24. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the following Accounts payable.

Checks: 310617 – 310708

Warrants: 5041

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

### **TRANSFER**

Commissioner Strahan moved to table the transfer for further review. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Gregory of EGIS engineering announced that EGIS will be visiting properties throughout the county in order to take measurements needed for future projects and asked for the public's consideration as EGIS is working for Taney County.

Bob Shantz presented his views on Lake Shore Drive.

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

Ron Houseman gave an FYI on HUD stimulus funding of about \$175,000 that will be formally announced Thursday for Homelessness prevention.

Commissioner Strahan commented on need for a shelter for Eastern Taney County for heat related emergencies.

Commissioner Strahan suggested the various board member's pictures or lists be displayed in the cases in the Commissioner's Hearing Room in order for the citizens to more easily identify and contact their public servants.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

**RECESS**  
**9:21 AM**

**RECONVENED**  
**10:00 AM**

The Commission reconvened in the Commissioner's Conference Room with the three Commissioners and Nikki Lawrence, Isaac Strafuss and Jim Yust present.

**NIKKI LAWRENCE – WORK SESSION WITH COMMISSION**

Nikki asked about the wireless panic alarm status and the Commission directed her to check with Brenda Neal.

Isaac Strafuss left the meeting at 10:18 AM.

**BOB PAULSON – WORK SESSION WITH COMMISSION**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021.(1)(2)(3). Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE & PERSONNEL**

See Executive Session minutes for action taken if any.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE**  
**10:39 AM**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to table this executive session until later today. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. . The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **CLOSING OF NICHOLAS DRIVE FOR GIFT OF HOPE FIREWORK SHOW**

The Commission discussed the requested closing of Nicholas Drive and decided they didn't have enough information to take action. The Fireworks show is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>, so there is time to gather more information before taking any action.

### **PARKING GARAGE POLICY**

Commissioner Pennel said there are 13 or 18 spots not being used. Commissioner Strafuss is going to collect some data on number of employees at this campus and the number of parking places in the parking lots at the courthouse and check with the Circuit Clerk and Judges on this issue.

### **SHORTY COOPER ALIGNMENT**

The Commission is waiting on the City of Forsyth to have their meeting this week to see what they decide they want the county to do on the Shorty Cooper alignment.

### **CITY OF FORSYTH – REQUEST FOR SEWER SALES TAX DOLLARS**

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve distribution of the 1/8th cent Sewer sales tax to City of Forsyth for not to exceed \$100,000 on the upgrade of the oxidation rotors and not to exceed \$200,000 on Ultra Violet disinfections system. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go back into tabled Executive Session tabled from 10:39 AM this morning. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11:13 AM**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go out of Executive Session. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **OUT OF EXECUTIVE**

**11:39 AM**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to table this executive session until later today.  
Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. . The motion passed by roll call vote:  
Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye), and Strafuss (aye).

### **RICK FINDLEY – SICK LEAVE POLICY**

County Auditor Rick Findley proposed that the Commission consider a policy to buy back some unused sick leave hours at the end of the year on some predetermined basis as motivation to not use them. This year to date, the county has paid 138,900 hours in sick leave according to Auditor Rick Findley. Commissioner Strafuss will research NACO and MAC for policies and have another meeting on this subject in 4 weeks.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declares a recess.

**RECESS**  
**12:03 PM**

**RECONVENED**  
**1:06 AM**

The Commission reconvened at 1:06 AM in the Commissioner's Conference Room with Rick Findley, Robert Melton of the Taney County Mechanics Shop, and Jim Yust present.

### **MECHANIC SHOP DISCUSSION**

Robert Melton of the Taney County Mechanics Shop discussed the coding of vehicle work sheets with The Commission.

Robert Melton left the meeting at 1:15 PM.

### **BLANSIT ROAD SIGNS DISCUSSION**

The Commission discussed the road signs and parking in the Blansit Road area in relation to an article that was given to The Commission by Steve Womack.

### **TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION**

The Commission discussed using a decision matrix for objective ranking of potential road projects and the need to have the process in place before drawing projects on the map.

Presiding Commissioner Chuck Pennel declared a recess.

**RECESS**  
**2:59 PM**

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