

# OFFICIAL MINUTES

**March 15, 2010, 32<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF  
THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met in the The Commissioner's Hearing Room at 8:30 AM with Danny Strahan, Chuck Pennel and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

## **WELLNESS CENTER DISCUSSION**

Nikki Lawrence updated the Commission on the status of the access door.

Commissioner Strafuss requested that the Sheriff's Department have two representatives on the Wellness Board, making a total board of seven.

Nikki addressed a question of which door should be used to gain access to the Wellness Center after hours. The Commission agreed the door in the front of the building next to IS should be used.

**RECESS  
8:38 AM**

**RECONVENED  
9:00 AM**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the minutes of 3/5, 3/8, and 3/11/2010. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the following accounts payable, journal entries and transfers. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

Checks: 318813 – 318883

Warrants: 5178 - 5180

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Potter, City of Forsyth, spoke regarding their bond extension that will be included in the April 2010 election, and the monies use for creating a tornado shelter. He stated that there will be a public hearing on the issue on March 22, 2010 at 7 pm.

Bob Shanz spoke regarding the petition for a senior tax levy. He expressed concern that the County might be responsible for insurance costs associated with the program. He stressed that local churches could be more involved in the supporting of the program now. He asked that the County Councilor review the petition, as he feared there could be a challenge due to its wording.

### **SHOW ME HEROES**

Steve Weingart, Branson Career Center Workforce Development, spoke to the Commission about the new Show Me Heroes program, and its efforts to encourage employers to hire veterans.

Commissioner Pennel moved to go to the website and make the pledge to support the veterans of Missouri and participate in the Show Me Heroes program. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

### **PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEMBERS**

Bob Shanz spoke regarding the lack of planning for the previous Planning & Zoning Board meeting, where a quorum was not reached due to absenteeism.

### **RECYCLING PROMOTION**

Dan Nosalek, Alternate to the Solid Waste District's Southeast Representative, spoke about the County's recycling centers and efforts. He suggested that the County include a recycling logo on regular county mail outs, and provided a sewer bill as an example. He also suggested the recycling centers and their hours and location be added to the phone tree system for a one-time cost of \$68.00.

Commissioner Strahan encouraged Mr. Nosalek to contact the local trash hauling businesses and request that they also include the recycling logo on their bills.

Commissioner Pennel directed Mr. Nosalek to move forward with this plan and as long the costs remained under \$100.00 the Commission approved of it.

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP**

Commissioner Strahan informed the public that spring cleanup was coming up in April and encouraged the public to gather and ready their trash.

Commissioner Pennel discussed the need for a cleanup of County roadways. Commissioner Strahan suggested there be coordination with the State for pickup and disposal of their share on the State roads. Commissioner Pennel informed citizens that there are trash sacks available for roadside collection from the Road & Bridge Department.

#### **SALES TAX UPDATE**

Commissioner Strafuss gave an update on last months sales tax report. He summarized that for the year overall the County is down only 3%, compared with being down 11% for the same time period last year.

#### **COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS**

Commissioner Strahan asked for citizens to volunteer their time for service on County Boards.

#### **NACO UPDATE**

Commissioner Strafuss discussed his meeting experiences at the NACO Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed his return invitation to a roundtable meeting in April for rural counties.

#### **RECESS**

**9:34 AM**

#### **RECONVENED**

**9:45 AM**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS**

The Commissioners discussed various upcoming meetings.

#### **BOB PAULSON – WORK SESSION WITH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE & PERSONNEL PER SECTION 610.021 (1)(2)(3)**

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**

**9:54 AM**

See Executive Session minutes for actions if any.

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

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE  
11:06 PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER  
11:07 AM**

**NIKKI LAWRENCE – WORK SESSION**

The Commission reviewed the agenda and meeting schedules.

**CELL PHONES**

The Commission discussed two open cell phone lines, and requested more time to review the reimbursement information.

**STAFF DEPARTMENTAL MEETING – PURCHASING**

**MAPP SPRING CONFERENCE**

The Commission approved Linda Gifford's attendance to the May 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 MAPP Spring Conference at Lake of the Ozarks.

**COPIER AT EXTENSION OFFICE**

The Commission discussed the Extension Office's need for a basic copier.

**RECESS  
11:27 AM**

**RECONVENED  
11:30 AM**

**STAFF DEPARTMENTAL MEETING – ROAD & BRIDGE**

Frank Preston requested the Commission's approval of a trip to a materials testing laboratory in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Commission approved the trip.

Mr. Preston spoke on the Keeping Taney County Beautiful press release. He spoke about the State of Missouri's no littering signs and related laws. The Commission approved of the press release and supported Mr. Preston's efforts to educate local school children on the importance of not littering.

Frank Preston requested the approval to interview and fill a crew leader position for the West side from the present West Barn crew. The Commission agreed to the request.

Mr. Preston spoke regarding free hammer maintenance training in Springfield and the attendance of several employees.

Mr. Preston discussed the upcoming Spring Clean-up and related costs. There was discussion on whether or not the bills should be paid in full by Road & Bridge or split 50/50 between Road & Bridge and the Transfer Station.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**12:01 PM**

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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**  
**12:17 PM**

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

**RECESS**  
**12:18 AM**

The minutes were taken and typed by Cristy Smith, Deputy Clerk.