

OFFICIAL MINUTES

December 6, 2010, 24th DAY OF
THE OCTOBER 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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Commissioner Pennel.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the minutes of 11/29 and 12/3/2010. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (aye).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & TRANSFERS

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve accounts payable with transfers as follows:

DATE	12/6/2010				
	CHECKS			WARRANTS	
	322597		322661	5306	5310
				5307	
				5308	
				5309	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Vozar with Ozarks Extreme Sports Complex Inc. informed the Commission of his current development plans for the Complex and planned Convention Center. If everything goes as planned the facility will be available for events in later summer 2010.

Paula Moriuchi spoke to the Commission regarding their families increase in real estate taxes. She relayed the details of her tax issue, and the resulting Board of Equalization decisions relating to it.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Strafuss reminded the Commission and the public of several board openings, and requested that interested individuals notify the Commission.

Commissioner Pennel notified the public that the Taneyville Honor Choir would be performing Christmas carols on Friday at 10:30 am at the Court House flagpole.

Commissioner Strahan spoke to the public about the use of negative language and statements made against the Commission during public comment. He spoke directly to the accusation of nepotism on the Board of Equalization, clarifying that he is not related to any of the other Board members and that the Assessor James Strahan is not a voting member on the Board.

Commissioner Pennel expressed his understanding of Mrs. Moriuchi's frustration. He stated that he believed the property was wrongly appraised, and was rightly changed for 2010. He challenged the other Commissioners and the members of the Board of Equalization to recognize abatements that have been made on previous tax years. He requested that at the following BOE meeting the Assessor bring an abatement to correct this mistake.

The Commission discussed whether or not to allow members of the public in the Hearing Room to respond to their comments. It was decided that the current time was not the appropriate place for public response.

RECESS
9:45 AM

RECONVENED
9:57 AM

ADMINISTRATIVE & DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS

NIKKI LAWRENCE – WORK SESSION W/ COMMISSION

The Commission reviewed and approved the agenda. DS mv. JS 2nd.

HPRP MONTHLY REPORT

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the November 2010 HPRP monthly report as follows:

**HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING
MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT (Due to FSD on the 10th of each month)**

Grantee Name: _____ Taney County
Subgrantee Name: _____ Christian Associates

SEND ORIGINAL SIGNED COPY TO:

Missouri Department of Social Services
Family Support Division/CBSC
Attn: Janet McQuibbin
P. O. Box 2320
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone (673) 741-8769
Fax (673) 622-9857
E-MAIL: mscs@missouri.gov

From City or County of:	Taney County	Expenditure Month/Year:	10-Nov
City or County Address:	610 S. Sixth St., Suite #207	Vendor #:	CATRL
P. O. Box:		Contract #:	ER16410047A
City, State, Zip Code:	Branson, MO 65616	Subgrantee Name:	Christian Associa
Received by (State Staff):		Date:	

PART A: EXPENDITURES	Prevention				Rapid Re-Housing			
	Budgeted	Monthly	YTD	Remaining	Budgeted	Monthly	YTD	Remaining
1: Financial Assistance (FA)	\$83,756.00	\$3,589.00	\$47,377.45	\$36,378.55	\$32,678.00		\$8,000.89	\$24,677.11
Short-Term Rental Assistance			\$0.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Medium-Term Rental Assistance	\$5,200.00							
Rental and Utility Arrears	\$1,000.00		\$2,323.31	\$1,323.31	\$0.00			\$0.00
Security and Utility Deposits	\$10,400.00	\$2,145.00	\$6,250.00	\$4,150.00	\$14,000.00	\$2,160.00	\$16,106.21	-\$2,106.21
Utility Payments	\$1,000.00		\$470.53	\$529.47	\$2,000.00		\$1,285.61	\$714.39
Moving Costs				\$0.00			\$41.01	-\$41.01
Hotel/Motel Vouchers	\$5,200.00			\$5,200.00				\$0.00
Staff Costs to Issue FA	\$4,982.00			\$4,982.00				\$0.00
Inspections	\$8,000.00		\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00				\$0.00
Other*				\$0.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
*Other detail:								
Total Financial Assistance	\$119,538.00	\$5,734.00	\$60,921.29	\$58,616.71	\$49,678.00	\$2,160.00	\$25,434.72	\$24,244.28
2: Housing Reloc & Stabl. Svc. (HRS)								
Case Management	\$4,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,982.00		\$4,118.24	\$4,863.76
Outreach and Engagement				\$0.00				\$0.00
Housing Search & Placement				\$0.00				\$0.00
Legal Services				\$0.00				\$0.00
Credit Repair				\$0.00				\$0.00
Other*				\$0.00				\$0.00
*Other detail:								
Total Housing Reloc & Stabilization	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,982.00	\$0.00	\$4,118.24	\$4,863.76

Total House Reloc & Stabilization	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,982.00	\$0.00	\$4,118.24	\$4,863.76
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From City or County of:	Taney	Nov-10	
3: Data Collection & Evaluation			
Budgeted	Monthly	YTD	Remaining
Staff Salaries			\$0.00
HMIS			\$0.00
Other*			\$0.00
*Other detail:			
Total Data Collection and Evaluation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4: Administration			
Budgeted	Monthly	YTD	Remaining
Cost Allocation/Indirect			\$0.00
HPRP Training			\$0.00
Other*			\$0.00
*Other detail:			
Total Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PART B: Certification			
Grantee's Signature:	Preparer's Signature:		
<i>Chuck Pennel</i>	<i>Jocelyn Fisher</i>		
Typed or Printed Name:	Typed or Printed Name:		
Chuck Pennel	Jocelyn Fisher		
Title:	Title:		
Presiding Commissioner	Program Director		
Date:	Phone:		
12/2/10	417-738-3200		

By signing this document, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

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

REAL ESTATE – CITY OF FORSYTH LEASE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Strafuss moved to enter Executive Session – Real Estate per section 610.021 (2). Forsyth Mayor Ron Potter spoke suggested to the Commission that Executive Session was not necessary. Commissioner Strafuss withdrew his motion.

Dennis House with the Taney County Fair Board and Mayor Ron Potter with the City of Forsyth presented the following proposal to the Commission:

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Shoals Bend Park Proposal

Goal: A well-developed regional park providing recreational opportunities to citizens of Forsyth and Eastern Taney County

The situation:

The Fair Board needs a reliable place to hold events such as the Taney County Fair to sustain operations. In past years, Shadowrock Park had flooded, causing financial pain to the Fair Board and threatens the sustainability of the Fair should this condition continue.

Forsyth owns a 78-acre Park located on high ground in a centrally located position of the county. The City does not have the funds to rapidly develop the park. The City has missed several excellent opportunities to generate business in town because park facilities do not meet the needs of entertainers. After spending considerable funds to originally acquire the land and an additional \$170K last year, many citizens are reluctant to give up the land unless the total investment is recouped.

The Proposal:

1. The City will lease the land to either the Fair Board, Taney County or a jointly controlled organization for a nominal fee.
2. The money needed to acquire land could be redirected towards building fairground and park infrastructure.
3. To alleviate concerns over the City cancelling the lease when alderman change, the City would agree to reimburse the lessee(s) for the cost of all permanent structures built with lessee funding should the City choose to terminate the lease without lessee concurrence.
4. The City will work with the lessees to draft and submit grant requests for the purpose of constructing fairgrounds and recreational facilities.
5. A joint commission to manage and maintain the facility will be appointed and will contain representatives from each agency participating
6. For each commercial event held at the park, expenses and percentage of revenue for reserves will be paid first from the revenues. The remaining profits will distributed by pre-determined percentages among the participating agencies in order to reimburse them for internal expenses incurred.

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7. It may be desirable to form a regional park organization that represents Forsyth, Fair Board and County for the purposes of planning, marketing, funding and managing public recreational facilities at Shoals Bend Park and across eastern Taney County.

Summary

We believe a well-developed regional park with fairground and amphitheater facilities would provide the public with substantial recreational facilities. The facilities would attract visitors from outside eastern Taney County, providing merchants with increased traffic that would expand sales, making them more profitable.

The Fair Board and City of Forsyth wish to engage in a dialogue with Taney County to discuss ways we can work together to provide this regional park facility. We are open to any solutions that will ultimately provide value to all eastern Taney County residents and visitors.

General discussion on the proposal ensued.

RECESS
10:41 AM

**RECONVENED
10:53 AM**

BOB PAULSON – WORK SESSION W/ 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. 610.021.3
Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Pennel
(aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (absent).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
10:53 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), Strafuss (aye)
and Strahan (aye).

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE
11:15 AM**

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET 50.540 SECTION 5 (1)

Auditor Rick Findley appeared before the Commission, thanked them for the opportunity
to speak, and asked if there was anyone from the public with pertinent information to
give on the upcoming budget planning process. There were no responses. Mr. Findley
announces that due to there being a new Commissioner coming in the timeline for
reviewing of the budget numbers had been extended to the end of January 2011. He
informed the Commission that the final hearing for the Budget needs to be held January
28, 2011 due to work days and scheduling. Finally, Mr. Findley requested that the
Commission define their goals in the review process, and any specific areas that needed
to be addressed.

Commissioner Strafuss stated his personal goal of a decrease of \$750,000.00 in GCR, and
no increase in the Road & Bridge budget.

Commissioner Strahan expressed his goal to cut the deficit spending by half.

Commissioner Pennel stated his interest in transferring Sewer Sales Tax Funds to the
support of law enforcement, and aiming for a budget equal to last years.

Ron Houseman suggested the Commission contact our State Senator to ascertain why the County's Assessor's funds were being withheld due to an employee shortage on the state level, and to discover how many Counties' funds were being held.

Commissioner Pennel stated that he had a conversation with Eperson, and that he had inferred from his conversation that there were issues on the ratio that were also contributing to the funds being withheld.

Ron Houseman inquired if the other Commissioners would be open to the idea of tackling the entire deficit. Commissioner Strafuss stated that he would not be adverse to the idea. Commissioner Strahan said that he would need to assess the benefit of fully reducing the deficit vs. the resulting cost of lost services for citizens.

STAFF DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS – ROAD & BRIDGE

CORP OF ENGINEERS OUT GRANTED ROADS

The Commission agreed to repost this issue to a later date when, when Road & Bridge Administrator Frank Preston could be present.

Randy Haes gave the Commission an update on storm preparedness, the pole building at the transfer station, the Parksley and Cotton Rock projects, chip-seal prep work, and low-water structure maintenance.

Mr. Haes spoke about the reimbursement of \$500 to Ronnie Wyatt which was planned for a rock pillar to be rebuilt due to the Casey Road project. Commissioner Strahan requested a signed document from Mr. Wyatt accepting the \$500 before the Commission proceeded any further.

The Commission agreed to direct Bob Paulson to Parksley Lane to assess a well issue.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel declared a recess.

RECESS
12:00 PM

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