

OFFICIAL MINUTES

**JUNE 16, 2011, 28th DAY OF
THE APRIL ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 11:00 am with Ron Houseman, Jim Strafuss and Danny Strahan present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

BUDGET REVIEW

County Auditor Rick Findley addressed the Commission for a preliminary meeting. The Commission stated that they would like a brief report at a future date of all County revenues, sales, revenue trends, and any potential changes as Branson city officials were concerned with a reduction in tourism. Discussion ensued.

The Commission discussed meetings they had held with other first class counties. They were surprised how successful the counties were using less funding. Elected officials worked with the purchasing department and Human Resources. The Commission wanted to make sure each department was in compliance with the law, and wanted to bring departments together. Commissioner Strafuss stated that Legal Counsel had identified areas of concern, and that utilizing Human Resources would free up elected official's time.

Commissioner Houseman wanted to meet with County officials to get input, and to better evaluate programs that are being considered.

The Commission had agreed in January 2011 to discuss the budget again in June 2011 to see where elected officials were financially. Commissioner Houseman would like to see the Commission develop a 3 year minimum financial plan. Commissioner Houseman asked if anyone would like to discuss the rehiring of employees.

Sherriff Jimmie Russell, County Clerk Donna Neeley, and County Prosecutor Jeff Merrell addressed the Commission.

The County Auditor submitted a Monthly Budget report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION, PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTS PER SECTION 610.021 (1), (3) & (12)

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1), (3) & (12). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (aye).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
12:00 PM**

See Executive Session minutes for actions if any.

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

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE
12:07 PM**

COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The County Board appointments were postponed until Monday.

AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW

The Commission reviewed the agenda requests with Nikki.

Commissioner Strafuss stated that the Cities of Hollister and Branson would participate on June 21st at 6 pm when there would be an invitation to residents with flood damage to hear a FEMA/SEMA person explain the buyout program. FEMA/SEMA had asked Taney County to facilitate the meeting.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (aye).

**ADJOURNMENT
12:21 PM**

Minutes were taken and typed by Lyn Wieneke, Deputy Clerk.