

OFFICIAL MINUTES

**AUGUST 29, 2011, 14th DAY OF
THE JULY ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commissioner's Conference Room at 8:30 am with Ron Houseman and Danny Strahan present and Jim Strafuss absent. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

PRELIMINARY STUDY MEETING

The County Commission met to review previous meeting minutes and accounts payable.

Commissioner Strafuss entered the meeting at 8:44 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Killman, Scout Master, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed Veteran's Memorial. The State agreed it could be placed across the road from the cannon on the Courthouse lawn. The scouts needed help with shrubbery removal. The Commission was in 100% support of the project with contracts being signed by necessary parties to proceed.

Mr. Bob Shantz addressed the Commission. He commented on what he read in the paper. He thought something needed to be done with wasteful spending and excessive County credit cards.

Commissioner Strahan stated that he had requested the press be available for him to make a comment, however, he did not have all the documentation needed to do so.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Commissioner Houseman called the August 29, 2011 meeting to order at 9:06 am with all members present.

PRAYER

Commissioner Strafuss led the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Strahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES 8/22

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the minutes of 8/22/2011 with changes and corrections as noted. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/JOURNAL ENTRIES/TRANSFERS

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve accounts payable as follows:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE							
DATE	8/29/2011						
	CHECKS			WARRANTS			
	325703	to	325774	5471			
		to					
		to					
	TRANSFERS						
1.	JE-GCR TO R&B (TREE REMOVAL @ EXTENSION OFFICE)						
2.	JE-TO DEPARTMENTS FOR PAPER USAGE						
3.							
Please sign and date that you have reviewed the included information.							
Date	Time		Signature	Comments			
8/25/2011	10:00 AM	JJ					

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

BID OPENING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT COMPANY

Purchasing Director Ron Erickson and Planning & Zoning Administrator Bob Atchley addressed the Commission. Bob Atchley stated that the Emergency Management Consultant Company would administer the FEMA grant, and finish the flood buyout process.

Ron Erickson opened three proposals submitted for a project administrator in the order received. The first bid was from JSW & Associates for \$72,500. The second bid was from State and Local Emergency Management Consultants, Inc. for \$10,000. The third bid was from Integrated Solutions for \$95,000.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to postpone the Emergency Management Consultant Company bid award to 1:55 pm. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

BID AWARD – INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES

The bids were previously reviewed by Auditor Rick Findley. Commissioner Houseman had concern regarding Hurlbert CPA, due to a lack of experience. He stated that they had only handled one other county.

Commissioner Strahan moved to award the bid to Hurlbert CPA, LLC. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion for discussion. It was suggested the County go out for bid again next year for additional competition. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

DISSOLUTION OF RECORDS

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Dissolution of Records, as presented by the County Clerk regarding records from the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

FALL CLEAN-UP

Commissioner Strahan talked to Randy Haes of Road and Bridge regarding the setting of Fall Cleanup for Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. He expressed that fall cleanup was very important to the County, which would accept anything but household trash and chemicals. The Commission clarified, for the public's knowledge, that chemical or toxic items, such as paint, could be taken to the Cooper Creek facility, and that tire pickup was to be at a discounted rate.

RECESS
9:36 AM

RECONVENED
10:33 AM

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Commission held a general discussion regarding Economic Development. All in attendance and speaking were as follows: Commissioner Strahan; Carl Salsborn, IDA Board member; Garrett Anderson, City of Branson Economic Development; Tim Connell, IDA Chairperson; Dan Ruda, Branson Chamber of Commerce; Bethany Thomas, Branson Chamber of Commerce; Mark Wise, IDA Board member; Bob Huels, Commercial One Brokers; Jonas Argis, Branson Chamber of Commerce; Ross Summers, Branson Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner Strafuss, and Commissioner Houseman. Discussion ensued regarding the direction of the Economic Development Executive Director position.

Tim Connell expressed a willingness to bring in the Springfield Chamber of Commerce to meet with Taney County Commissioners and other supporting and/or interested entities for educational purposes.

The Commission agreed to contact all interested parties with the next appointment scheduled.

**RECESS
11:23 AM**

**RECONVENED
11:30 AM**

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM
CONSTRUCTION REVIEW**

Bob Atchley, Planning & Zoning Administrator, and Scott Starrett with the Sewer District, presented the Commission with information regarding the On-Site Sewage Construction project.

Commissioner Houseman mentioned that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources was excited for Taney County to participate in the agreement.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to execute the Participation Agreement for the On-Site Sewage System Construction project. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

**RECESS
11:43 AM**

**RECONVENED
2:00 PM**

BID OPENING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT COMPANY

Bob Atchley and Ron Erickson addressed the Commission. Bob Atchley had reviewed the three bids and as all three offered the same services, he recommended they award the bid to the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to award the bid to State and Local Emergency Management Consultants, Inc. Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (absent) and Strafuss (aye).

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL UPDATE PER SECTION 610.021 (1), (2), (3) & (12)

Commissioner Strafuss moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1), (2), (3) & (12). The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (absent).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
2:08 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).

**RECESS
5:40 PM**

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