

OFFICIAL MINUTES

**OCTOBER 13, 2011, 4th DAY OF
THE OCTOBER ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 9:01 a.m. with Ron Houseman, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

BID PROCEDURE – PROPANE & SELF-PROPELLED POWER BROOM

Purchasing Agent Ron Erickson went before the Commission to make a recommendation on opened bids. Five responses were received for a Propane Bid. After review, Ron Erickson recommend the bid be awarded to Ferrell Gas/Town & Country Propane. Commissioner Strafuss moved to award the propane bid to Ferrell Gas at a rate of \$1.784 per Ron Erickson's recommendation. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

After reviewing bid responses received for a self-propelled Power Broom, Ron Erickson recommended VanK~~e~~ppel be awarded the bid at \$41,998.67 to include a 3 year/4000 hour warranty. Commissioner Strafuss stated funds were not budgeted for this piece of equipment. Randy Haes addressed the Commission. Commissioner Houseman asked Randy if the equipment were purchased would Road and Bridge still be under the total budget? Randy Haes stated they would still be under the total budget for 2011. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Strahan moved to award the bid to Van Kappel as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion for discussion. The bid quote was good for 90 days. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

Randy Haes addressed the Commission to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement with Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The funding distribution was a concern. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission would fund and construct the road and Taney County would fund and surface the road. Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Taney County and the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding Slough Hollow Road. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW

The Commission met with Nikki Lawrence to review the Agenda Requests.

WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE

Commissioner Strafuss stated the Wellness Center use had been restricted to County employees. By Commission decision, other entities were allowed to utilize the facility. There had been entity requests by Western and Central Taney County Fire and the Sewer District (once they separate) to use the Wellness Center. Commissioner Strahan stated if someone were injured in the facility and were not on the same policy, Taney County could be liable. Commissioner Strafuss said there was a waiver to fall back on their health policy. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Houseman recommended legal counsel look at the waiver.

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GRANTS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Houseman stated there were a number of grants for the County and had concerns regarding grant deadlines. An agreement was needed for the handling of grants. In agreement with Auditor Rick Findley, the outside audit said Taney County needed to have a person in place to handle grants. Discussion ensued. Grants discussion was reposted to the following Thursday.

BUDGET TIMELINE

Commissioner Houseman provided a recommended 2012 timeline budget proposal for discussion, which included setting budget hearing dates, establishing times for website postings, press releases, new policies, all agreements, and department head interviews to ensure the budget was finalized before 2012. Discussion ensued to set tentative deadlines and dates for budget work sessions. A Fund Balance Policy was discussed. Dawn Bilyeu of the Auditor's Office addressed the Commission with questions regarding terminated employees and early retirement costs within the 2011 Budget. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSION MINUTES BOOKS

County Clerk Donna Neeley addressed the Commission regarding old Commission minute books to be scanned. Mr. Dixon had worked to get a reduced rate; however the County Clerk didn't have funding to cover the expense. Commissioner Houseman requested she discuss a bid request with Purchasing Agent Ron Erickson.

TAX SALE SURPLUS FUNDS

Collector Sheila Wyatt presented the Commission with a spreadsheet of the Tax Sales Surplus Funds. The final amount was \$78,847.33. Commissioner Strafuss moved to accept the Taney County Annual Land Sale Surplus, dated August 22nd as presented by the Taney County

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

UNIFIED EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Commissioner Strafuss stated **that** after the historic flooding in the Spring of 2011, townhall meetings indicated a desire for efficient emergency messaging. After researching with Chris Berndt and Melissa Duckworth with Emergency Management, he offered that cities of Branson, Hollister, Forsyth and Rockaway Beach were willing to participate with an annual subscription and to be prepared with winter weather and spring rains.

Commissioner Strafuss added that Everbridge would accommodate Taney County's needs. The three year subscription would cost \$65,000. Taney County would fund \$13,000 annually, the City of Branson would fund \$5000, Hollister would fund \$1800, Forsyth would fund \$1000, and Rockaway Beach would fund \$350 all through intergovernmental agreements with anticipated community participation.

Commissioner Strafuss would like the Commission to consider this proposal for the Taney County 2012 budget. Each city would have it's own administrative rights to notify residents with the mult-way communication system.

Chris Berndt and Melissa Duckworth went before the Commission to answer relating questions. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Houseman asked Chris to find out how soon Branson needed to know the County's position regarding the Unified Emergency Response System for budget purposes.

COMMISSION RE-DISTRICTING DISCUSSION

GIS Manager Patsy Alexander went before the Commission to give them five optional re-districting maps the Commission had asked for. County Clerk Donna Neeley went before the Commission to discuss the maps. **Possible** re-districting boundaries were discussed. The Commission requested Patsy Alexander for additional map options in accordance with the meeting.

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12:22 PM**

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