

# **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## **NOVEMBER 3, 2011, 12TH DAY OF THE OCTOBER ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 8:25 a.m. with Ron Houseman, Danny Strahan and Jim Strafuss present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

### **AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW**

The Commission met with Nikki Lawrence to discuss the agenda requests.

### **COMMISSION RE-DISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Houseman stated the re-districting lines were made to divide the County's population equally and requested the public speaking rule of signing the speaker book be suspended. The Commission agreed. Commissioner Strahan requested that speaking time be limited to five minutes.

The Commission had gone through a number of district option drafts to determine if requirements were met. Commissioner Houseman read the statute regarding Commission Districts. Commissioner Strafuss stated he presented the district proposals to Branson Aldermen and suggested a map which would blend the east and west together. He appreciated the public coming to the hearing to offer input. Commissioner Strahan reiterated that maps were not based on voter turnout, but rather population.

Public Comment was taken: Rev. Sutton of Taneyville addressed the Commission stating if the statute of the law was fully fulfilled, map 4B was closest in population. Bonnie Melton addressed the Commission stating she felt she had no voice if her district was combined with Branson. Glen Amundson addressed the Commission and asked why they presented the North and South district map, as there was a 1500 person population difference. Mr. Amundson was against the North and South division proposal. Bob Shanz addressed the Commission stating he was against the North and South division proposal. Ronnie Melton stated he agreed with all speakers in opposition. Josh Smith addressed the Commission and stated he was against the North and South division proposal. Mr. Smith urged the Commission to vote on the issue today. Ron Herschend addressed the Commission and said the North and South division concerned the citizens. He encouraged the Commission to choose the division with the least negative impact.

Commissioner Houseman asked for comments from the Commission. Commissioner Strahan said consideration needed to be taken for the financial stress on the County Clerk's office, which could be accomplished with the least amount of change; which was supported by an East and West district proposal. Commissioner Strafuss appreciated the process and the people who spoke, stating that he understood their comments that the North and South districts were a big

change. Commissioner Strafuss said his job was to represent citizens from the Western district and they supported the North and South district map.

Commissioner Strahan moved to accept the proposed the East and West redistricting lines indicated on Map 4B. Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. Commissioner Houseman said he wanted to see less divisiveness within districts as County Commissioners could serve citizens in either district. Commissioner Houseman wanted to promote a charter form of government in Taney County as there were other successful counties in Missouri operating successfully under that system. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (nay).

**RECESS**  
**9:01 AM**

**RECONVENED (IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM)**  
**10:13 AM**

**2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION**  
**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) and (12). Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strafuss (aye) and Strahan (aye).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**10:13 AM**

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**  
**11:28 AM**

**RECONVENED**  
**11:29 AM**

2012 Budget Discussions continued with the Sheriff department's budget. Mark Rys went before the Commission to discuss the IT department budget. The Commission and Recorder of Deeds budgets were also discussed.

**RECESS**  
**12:38 PM**

**RECONVENED**

**1:45 PM**

**CREDIT CARD APPROVAL DISCUSSION**

The Commission met to discuss the Credit Card Approval Policy and recent addendum. Discussion ensued regarding how cards were acquired and who could acquire the cards. Commissioner Strafuss felt the Commission should authorize the cards as they pay the invoices for the County. The Commission requested Joanna Jasper of the Auditor's Office draft a modified credit card policy.

**2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Grants, grants reporting and policies were discussed.

**RECESS  
2:45 PM**

**RECONVENED  
3:00 PM**

Commissioner Strahan exited the meeting.

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL PER SECTION 610.021 (3)**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
3:01 PM**

See Executive Session Minutes for actions, if any.

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

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE  
3:29 PM**

**2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

2012 Budget discussions continued for the office of Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Clerk, Juvenile, Coroner, Purchasing, Legal Counsel, Human Resources and Planning and Zoning.

**RECESS**  
**4:58 PM**

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