# **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## DECEMBER 1, 2011, 21TH DAY OF THE OCTOBER ADJOURNED TERM

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

## AMBULANCE DISTRICT MAPS

Patsy Alexander, GIS, and Clerk Donna Neeley met with the Commission to review proposed Ambulance District maps. The Commission thanked Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Neeley for their work on the maps.

Commissioner Strafuss moved to adopt the Proposed Ambulance and Voter District Plan 2 as the new Ambulance District Boundary Map. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Strahan stated that the population would be more evenly divided than before. Commissioner Houseman asked if the Commission was responsible for a legal description to be produced of boundaries. Donna Neeley said it was not required by statute, but it would be better to have an accurate record in the minutes than "Plan 2". The Commission directed Donna Neeley to get an estimate for a legal description. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

Discussion ensued regarding map postings.

### AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW

The Commission met with Nikki Lawrence to review agenda requests.

The Commission noted that they had only raised questions regarding regarding two days of audio because they contained personnel discussions. The Commission requested Donna Neeley provide the Commission with the County Policy for Recording and Broadcasting Commission Meetings.

The Commission requested Donna Neeley to find a written policy regarding utilization of deputy sheriffs to perform outside contractual work.

### **BID OPENING – INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AND BENEFITS SERVICES**

Purchasing Agent Ron Erickson and HR Director Linda Sorenson went before the Commission to open bids for insurance and benefit services. Commissioner Houseman thanked the County Employee Committee who worked to set up the parameters for pursuing insurance bids.

The Committee would go through the bids following the end of the Commission meeting session in the Hearing Room. Of the nine vendors, Mr. Erickson received seven responses. The seven responses were from the following: MRCT Benefits Plus, United Health Group, Mercy St. John, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Connell Insurance, Akres Insurance, and Employee Benefit Design, LLC. The Committee was scheduled to meet, review, evaluate and document the bids and they hoped to have the review completed by Monday. Commissioner Houseman requested a breakdown of the information. Discussion ensued regarding legal counsel. Mr. Erickson stated Cox Health was a no bid response. Commissioner Houseman requested that individuals be allowed to sit in while sorting through the bids and asked if there were any questions.

#### LEGAL CONTRACT (COMMISSION HEARING ROOM)

Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the Counselor Agreement as presented.

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#### COUNSELOR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 2 day of November, 2011, and effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2011, and terminating on December 31, 2012, by and between Tancy County, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and Frank Cottey, hereinafter referred to as "COUNSEL";

#### WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- County hereby employs Counsel to provide legal representation of the County at the direction and supervision of the County Commission, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.
- (2) The Commission agrees to pay to Counsel a monthly fee of \$6,000.00 for his services starting December 1, 2011.
- (3) The County shall provide Counsel with necessary equipment, office space, supplies, clerical staff and reasonable expenses as needed to fulfill his job duties.

This Agreement terminates on December 31, 2012.

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Presiding Commissioner Date Ron Houseman

ATTEST: I, Donna Neeley, the Clerk of the Taney County Commission hereby attests that the above agreement was executed by the Taney County Presiding Commissioner Ronald D. Houseman, pursuant to a duly passed motion of the Taney County Commission approving the agreement.

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ATTEST: 1, Rick Findley, am the duly appointed and acting Auditor for Tancy County, Missouri, and in that capacity, do hereby certify on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, that there is an unencumbered balance to the credit of the appropriation which is to be charged for the County's share of the costs described in this Agreement and an unencumbered eash balance in the County treasury to the credit of the fund from which the County's financial obligation described in this agreement shall be paid sufficient to meet the County's obligations under this agreement.

Auditor, Rick Findley

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

RECESS 9:25 AM

RECONVENED 9:39 AM

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#### 2012 BUDGET WORK SESSION (COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM)

The meeting was moved to the Commissioner's Conference Room, and all members were present.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL UPDATE PER SECTION 610.021 (3)**

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:39 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), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

# OUT OF EXECUTIVE 10:17 AM

2012 Budget Discussions continued regarding sales tax revenues. Health Insurance benefits were discussed. Funds were discussed including the following: Senior Citizens Fund, Inmate Security Fund, LEPC Fund, LET Fund, PAT Fund, County Insure Fund, 911 Fund, TE Fund, 800 account, 850 account, and the 901 account.

### RECESS 12:03 PM

#### RECONVENED 1:19 PM

Fund discussion continued with the following: 905 account, 909 account, Flood Control Fund, and the 925 account.

### RECESS 1:34 PM

#### RECONVENED 1:38 PM

Discussion continued regarding the 925 account. The 926 account, the Road and Bridge Account and the Road and Bridge Fund combination was discussed.

# RECESS 2:40 PM

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