

OFFICIAL MINUTES

DECEMBER 22, 2011, 31ST DAY OF THE OCTOBER ADJOURNED TERM

The County Commission met in the Commissioner's Conference Room at 8:40 a.m. with Ron Houseman, Jim Strafuss and Danny Strahan present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Collector Sheila Wyatt and Assessor James Strahan addressed the Commission regarding waived penalties and interest. The first item of discussion was an Emerald Point property notated as Exhibit A. Sheila Wyatt recommended the Commission approve this waiver. Commissioner Strafuss moved to waive penalties and interest for Emerald Point property notated as exhibit A. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

The second item for discussion was a Turtle Creek property notated as Exhibit B. Sheila Wyatt recommended the Commission waive penalties and interest after the month of May. Commissioner Strahan moved to waive penalties and interest after May 1, 2011. Commissioner Strafuss seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

The third item notated as Exhibit C, was a 2010 property issue. Commissioner Strafuss moved to deny Exhibit C as recommended by the Collector. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

**RECESS
8:55 AM**

**RECONVENED
9:02 AM**

BID PROCEDURE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Purchasing Agent Ron Erickson went before the Commission regarding a bid for an Economic Development Consultant. Four responses were received.

The first submission was from Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. The second submission was from RKG Associates, Inc. The third submission was from Voltedge. The fourth submission was from Thomas P. Miller Associates.

Commissioner Houseman suggested Mr. Erickson make copies for each Commissioner for the decision making process. Commissioner Strafuss moved to postpone to a definite time of 2 p.m. today the Economic Development Consultant bid procedure. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

Commissioner Houseman asked if there were any questions. Rick Ziegenfuss, City of Hollister, stood in support of the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce due to knowledge of local needs, culture and economy and said the Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce had been engaged in Economic Development for some time.

AGENDA REQUESTS REVIEW

The Commission met with Nikki Lawrence to review Agenda Requests.

ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE PLAN

James Strahan addressed the Commission regarding his Assessment Maintenance Plan including a 2012 through 2013 budget depiction. A Letter of Intent was read by Commissioner Houseman. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Strafuss moved to approve the Assessment Maintenance Plan for 2012 through 2013 as presented. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Strafuss stated the Assessment Maintenance Plan matches the figures in the 2012 Budget. Commissioner Houseman stated the 2012 budget could be changed at a later date if needed. James Strahan stated this was what initiated the two year plan. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

RECESS
9:40 AM

RECONVENED
10:31 AM

TANEY COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD WORK SESSION

The Taney County Library Board made a presentation to the Commission. Sarah Klinefelter Chairman of the Library Board suggested board members James Babcock and Roxanne Young make the presentation.

Mr. Babcock, member of the Taney County Library Board, addressed the Commission to present the need for a library system with maximum accessibility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with printing, computer and meeting capabilities.

Roxanne Young secretary of the Library Board addressed the Commission and stated benefits for the Taney County library included increased real estate and economic value as well as improve educational impact. The Library Board proposed a tax levy to fund the library and requested the Commission's support. The operating budget was discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the private libraries.

Commissioner Strafuss said it was not required by law, but to be consistent he would require a petition with signatures. Mr. Babcock said he didn't agree with the petition. Commissioner Houseman said he appreciated Mr. Strafuss' desire to be consistent but he felt the statute that allowed a county to create a library district, mandated the Commission place a levy on the ballot. Commissioner Strafuss said he didn't interpret the law that way. Commissioner Houseman read the statute. Both commissioners agreed to have Legal Counsel interpret the reading of this statute.

County Clerk Donna Neeley stated the April election deadline was January 24th; the August deadline was May 29th, both at 5 p.m. She recommended having the election in August as there was more voter participation. Sarah Klinefelter shared the April election was determined by the Library Board to be the better election to pass the levy. Commissioner Houseman reiterated legal counsel would have to be contacted.

**RECESS
11:38 AM**

**RECONVENED
1:00 PM**

BUDGET WORK SESSION (COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM)

James Strahan addressed the Commission regarding his 2012 budget. He brought his original request and after consideration, he needed an additional employee based on his Assessment Plan. The Commission agreed he would access his fund for an additional staff member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL 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 vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
1:13 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), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE
1:19 PM**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Purchasing Agent Ron Erickson went before the Commission and presented the Commission with copies of the bids received. The Commission reviewed the bids. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Strafuss moved to award the bid to Taney County Business Development Partnership. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding legal counsel review of the bid. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye) and Strafuss (aye).

Rick Ziegenfuss of the Economic Development Board said the Board was looking forward to working through the Taney County Business Development Partnership.

**RECESS
2:15 PM**

**RECONVENED
2:27 PM**

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Rick Findley and the Commission continued 2012 budget discussions and determined to send a letter to the Prosecuting Attorney in response to his proposal letter received last Friday. The Sheriff's 117 and 118 budgets were discussed. A 3% increase was due to additional prisoners. Emergency Management and Circuit Clerk budgets were discussed.

State Employee benefits were discussed. University Extension budget was reviewed. Donna Neeley addressed the Commission regarding her budget. Discussion ensued.

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

**ADJOURNED
7:15 PM**

Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk Lyn Wieneke and County Clerk Donna Neeley and typed by Lyn Wieneke.