

**JANUARY 31, 2005 THE 10th DAY OF
THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM**

Taney County Commission met in the Associate Circuit II Courtroom at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Presiding Commissioner Pennel, Eastern Commissioner Strahan and Western Commissioner Herschend present. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

Prayer was led by Gary Groman, followed by the Pledge.

MAC DUES – DONNA NEELEY

Donna Neeley, Taney County Clerk informed the Commission that the annual dues for the Counties membership to the Missouri Association of Counties, (MAC) were due in the amount of \$6,516.00. Neeley asked if the Commission wanted to renew their membership.. Commissioner Strahan made a motion to renew the Counties membership and authorize payment. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

**BOARD APPOINTMENT
TOURISM ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT**

Presiding Commissioner Pennel read an email letter given to the Commission at 8:58 a.m. where in the Tourism Enhancement District were requesting the County Commission to reconsider their previous decision of not appointing any members to the Board. Citizen, Gary Groman requested that the Commission appoint board members so that the Citizens of Taney County would be represented in the decisions made by the Board. Mike Ranken, Economic Direct, City of Branson, also relayed to the Commission the need for the appointment of members to the Board and that by appointing a board member would not indicate that the Commission was supporting a tax. Wiley Barnes, with the Branson Chamber, suggested that one member of the Commission attend today's board meeting to assess their progress. Pennel stated that he felt the Commission was being used, and added if the Board wanted to included language in the revision of the legislation to allow for two board members to be appointed by the Commission, then they would; whether or not the Commission appointed any board members to the current board. General discussion ensued.

BID - JAIL PHYSICIAN

Tressa Luttrell, Administrator stated that the bid for the Jail Physician had expired and was requesting that the Commission reject said bid. Commissioner Herschend made a motion to reject the bid for Jail physician. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. Commissioner Herschend asked Ms. Luttrell what would happen with the Jail now that there is no physician. Luttrell commented that until the County works out the details, the Sheriff will have to do the best he can. Luttrell added that the County is working on an alternative company who provides full medical service and Mr. Paulson, Counsel is

currently working on the contract. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

EPPS ROAD CITY OF BRANSON

Bob Paulson, County Counsel stated that the City of Branson, while looking at easements for the EPPS Road construction, found that the County owned a very small portion that is needed to complete the road. Commissioner Herschend made a motion to sell the property to the City of Branson for \$1.00 in an effort to cooperate with other local Governments. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve check numbers 87456-87538, check numbers 87429-87455 were voided. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

PRIOR MINUTES

Minutes were presented to the Commission for approval; Commissioner Herschend stated that he did not have time to read them.

2005 BUDGET

Rick Findley, County Auditor presented the 2005 Budget to the Commission.

After review, Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve the Budget. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes)

RECESS

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to recess for 2 minutes and to then go into Executive Session to discuss the Archer Contract with the Sewer Board pursuant to 610.021.11. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

It should be noted that no motions were made and no votes were taken.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene the County Commission Meeting. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to recess the County Commission and convene the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

RECONVENE

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Commissioner Herschend moved approval of a transfer of \$85.00 to cover a redemption. Herschend stated that the transfer would be from the contingency fund (114-50-139) to the Collector's Fund (107-50-048). Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

Minutes taken by Mary Thatcher, typed by Donna Neeley.