

**MARCH 14, 2005 THE 25th DAY OF
THE JANUARY ADJOURNED TERM**

The County Commission met in the Associate Circuit II Courtroom at 9:01 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with Chuck Pennel, Presiding and Danny Strahan, Eastern District present. Ron Herschend, Western District was absent. The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

Prayer was led by Helen Souttee followed by the pledge.

**ROAD PETITION
CATFISH STREET**

The County Commission took up the petition to improve and take in Catfish Street. Presiding Commissioner Pennel read the following description: TWP Range 23 Section 36 to establish a county road that connects Lakeway Road and Barker Hole Road.

Commissioner Strahan stated he has driven the road and it is between two county roads. Strahan expressed a concern that people were using the road as a dumpsite.

Commissioner Pennel read the comments of the county engineer stating, that the road is in poor shape, has no ditches, and ledge rock throughout. The engineer recommended the Commission take the road in as a class 6 and make improvements with time.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to take the road in. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), and Strahan (yes).

**DEANNA SCHLEGEL
BRANSON MEADOWS TIF**

Deanna Schlegel, director of Finance for the City of Branson, addressed the Commission regarding last weeks Branson Meadows TIF discussion. Schlegel explained that the confusion was the result of a misrepresentation of one retailer who has one sales tax ID number and one company name with the City of Branson, but filed sales tax returns for the state of Missouri under three different company names and 3 different sales tax ID numbers. Schlegel expressed a willingness to work with the county to resolve the issue asking Rick Findley, County Auditor, to research the sales tax reports at Branson City Hall.

Presiding Commissioner Pennel asked Schlegel to clarify if there might be fraud involved with the misrepresentation. Schlegel stated that she felt there was no intentional fraud involved.

Trisha Williams, City of Branson, stated she had done research and has given it to Rick Findley for review.

Commissioner Strahan stated he would like to see further investigation on the issue and it was decided that Rick Findley would research and report back to the Commission at a later date.

**DANNY STRAHAN
ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Strahan addressed the Commission about the list of 13 names for the establishment of 7 Park Commissioners. Strahan explained the ball is rolling and the Commission is pleased with the community involvement. Strahan added that he has checked with White River Electric and with trust companies on prices to see what kind of money would be involved, as a bid would have to be done.

The Commission would like more time to establish terms of involvement and go over the list of names to ensure a quality Board of Park Commission. This issue will remain on the table and agenda until further review.

**BOB PAULSON
HPL CONTRACT**

Bob Paulson, County Counselor, addressed the Commission on the HPL Contract, which deals with establishing a physician for inmates and also includes a cap, which allows for disease medication and a full service inmate medical program. Paulson needs to revise a few lines in the contract.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve the HPL Contract contingent on changes made by Bob Paulson. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote. Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), and Strahan (yes).

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to approve accounts payable warrants #88081-88201. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), and Strahan (yes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Beck suggested the Commission send Protem and other smaller places a letter to see how many people are interested in the money the County has to distribute for Park Board Projects.

Commissioner Pennel explained that they don't know where to send to little places such as Walnut Shade.

BACK TAX BOOK

Sheila Wyatt, County Collector gave the Commission the back tax books for review for the week, as it will be on the agenda for the next week.

RECESS

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to recess. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

SMITH PROPERTY

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to issue \$2,500.00 for the Smith Property easement with the remainder being paid by Archer Engineering. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (absent), Strahan (yes).

Minutes taken and typed by: Hillary Bargman