

OFFICIAL
JANUARY 2, 2014, 1ST DAY OF
THE JANUARY ADJOURN TERM

The County Commission met in the Commission Conference Room at 8:54 am with Ron Houseman (present), Danny Strahan (present), and Brandon Williams (present). The following proceedings were had and made a matter of record:

PRELIMINARY STUDY MEETING

The Commission met to review the day's business.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Houseman called the January 2, 2014, meeting to order at 8:54 am.

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATES

Randy Haes with Road & Bridge came before the Commission to discuss road vacations. He presented a map to the Commission that shows the roads that are petitioned to be vacated and effects those vacations will have concerning the Taney County Road & Bridge Department.

ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Animal Control Lease Agreements by and between Taney County and the Taney County Health Department as presented with approval by the County Counsel. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT RENEWAL

Commissioner Strahan moved to approve the Notice of Contract Renewal Services Contract between the County of Taney and the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and CVB. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL UPDATE
PER SECTION 610.021 (1) (2) (3) (12)

Commissioner Strahan moved to enter Executive Session per section 610.021 (1) (2) (3) (12). Commissioner Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote: Houseman (aye), Strahan (aye), and Williams (aye).

EXECUTIVE SESSION
9:16 AM

See Executive Session Minutes for any motions made or votes taken.

RECESS EXECUTIVE SESSION
10:04 PM

2014 BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Houseman read a portion of statute 50.600 explaining why this meeting is being held. He stated the Commission would be meeting with the following three offices next week to consider changes requested by said offices: the Collector's Office, the Assessor's Office, and the Juvenile Office.

Commissioner Houseman opened the floor for Public Comment concerning the 2014 Budget.

A citizen asked if the 25% raise for the elected officials was represented in this budget and expressed her disapproval of the Salary Commission's decision.

Commissioner Strahan explained the raise is for future County Officials and not for the County Officials that are currently in office. He stated that he understands people in the County are upset about this. Commissioner Williams stated this issue is not on the agenda, so legally we cannot discuss it at this time but stated he was available to speak with after this meeting.

Commissioner Houseman asked if there was anyone here to speak about the 2014 Budget that was proposed.

Assessor Chuck Pennel came forward to speak about the Assessor's Office 2014 Budget. Mr. Pennel asked the Commission to clarify if this was the last chance the Public was able to speak about this budget. He was told yes, that this was the statutorily allowed time for the Public to speak to the Commission concerning this issue. Mr. Pennel stated he had a concern that the 2014 Budget had not been placed on the County website. He stated it seemed like the Public should have the opportunity to see this budget on the website. Commissioner Williams explained that there have been outstanding circumstances that have prevented that from happening.

Mr. Pennel stated he will meet with the Commission this coming week concerning the salary for his employees because of an error in a line of his budget. Discussion ensued regarding this line item.

Commissioner Strahan exited the meeting at 10:26 am and re-entered the meeting at 10:30 am.

Commissioner Strahan stated the Tax Assessment Fund Budget is due the first week of February and that fund budget is turned in at the appropriate time even though it is worked on at this time. Commissioner Houseman asked Mr. Pennel to explain what funds go into the Assessment Funds Budget, and he was told re-imburement from the State, monies from the Collector's Office, and some map sales. Mr. Pennel read a portion of statute 137.720 (4) concerning State cost-share funds. Discussion ensued regarding the 355-84-024 line item and what was the average of that line for the last three years.

Commissioner Houseman asked if there are any other comments regarding the Proposed 2014 Budget from the Public. There were no more comments.

This 2014 Budget Hearing has been concluded.

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10:41 AM**

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**RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION
11:00 AM**

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Commissioner Strahan exited the meeting at 3:50 pm.

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

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION
4:55 PM**

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

**ADJOURN
4:55 PM**

The minutes were taken and typed by Stacey Clemans, Deputy Clerk.