

**APRIL 10, 2006 THE 3RD DAY
OF THE APRIL ADJOURN TERM**

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

The prayer was led by Larry Lawman followed by the pledge.

SURPLUS GOODS

Presiding Commissioner Pennel addressed the Commission in regards to the counties surplus goods. Pennel expressed that space is limited and the Commission needs to make a decision either to have an auction or use another method to dispose of the surplus goods.

Note: Commissioner Herschend entered the Commission Meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Commissioner Herschend stated that if the Commission were going to have an auction, then they should wait for other vehicles. Commissioner Herschend suggested moving forward with the on-line assets and whatever is left put in the auction.

Rick Findley, Auditor stated that he can put a minimum bid on the on-line items but expressed that he needs more guidance.

Commissioner Strahan expressed that the county has quite a bit of equipment that could benefit the community by getting it back into the economy. Findley stated that the county could have an auction and get those back into the economy, if the Commission wants them on-line. Strahan requested that Findley go ahead and put the larger equipment on the Internet to get rid of it, and then to get with Eugene at Road and Bridge to handle what is left.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to request that Rick Findley, Auditor move forward to quickly put those items on-line and to empower him to establish a value that he feels is fair.

Commissioner Strahan asked if this is a bid process? Rick Findley explained that there would be a minimum bid but expressed that he has no way of knowing what it is worth. Commissioner Herschend explained that any banker could give him a blue book of prices. Findley then asked if the price in the blue book is what he needs to base the prices on?

Jimmie Russell, Sheriff expressed that Findley might have problems putting it on the Internet because of parts that have been taken out or are not running, plus there are other counties who aren't paying taxes in Taney County.

Commissioner Pennel asked about giving the public the opportunity to send in sealed bids? Jimmie Russell responded that the county could do sealed bids however, expressed that he feels they would get better results with an auction.

Commissioner Herschend stated that he would like to try the Internet and that the county probably won't sell the equipment that doesn't run however, they could get \$4,000 or \$5,000 for selling a car on-line that might only get \$1500 at an auction. Findley expressed that he feels the county would get better results at an auction. Commissioner Strahan added that he talked to other counties who have sold items on-line and that they sold two to three times more than what would have been sold at an auction.

Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion.

John Simperts, Taney County Times asked if there would be any liability if the customer were not satisfied with their purchase? Bob Paulson, County Counselor answered that he doesn't know how the government does it. Tressa Luttrell explained that you have to disclose the information and that they have the right to refuse. Commissioner Strahan expressed that the county can have an auction later on and that Taney County is fortunate to have good equipment and can replace things that need to be replaced.

The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

JUSTICE CENTER

Presiding Commissioner Pennel stated that Nick Smith called and wants to set a bid date for May 25, 2006.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to approve payable warrants #94130-94229 and manual warrant #4487. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

GARY GROMAN

Gary Groman explained that he checked the notices of meetings and he did not notice a posting for the meeting with the Tax Enhancement Board and therefore missed the meeting. Groman stated that the Commission holds two posted meetings a week, one of which is on Monday and the other usually on Thursday for administrative functions. Groman suggested that the Commission take the extra requests and with the exception of an emergency, tell those people to wait until the following Monday to present their issues. Groman expressed that it looks like only the people who they want at meetings are in attendance.

Commissioner Strahan expressed that he feels it was posted 24 hours in advance. Commissioner Pennel clarified it was put on the agenda for 10:00 a.m. which was 22 or 23 hours in advance. Commissioner Herschend added that there was a conflict and he was leaving so the Commission could have either held the meeting with 22 hours notice or held it without him there and expressed that he was interested in what everyone had to say in regards to the issue.

Gary Groman asked what the emergency was that could not wait until Monday to allow the public to participate in the process? Groman further expressed that he just wanted to ask that the Commission schedule issues during the normal public sessions. A general discussion ensued.

Commissioner Herschend asked Gary Groman if he knows what the next TIF meeting is about? Groman stated he believes it is about the revised redevelopment plan however; he has not received any materials regarding the issue. Herschend then asked Groman if the county is looking at another TIF at Mutton Hollow? Groman expressed that the TIF era in Branson is not over.

Commissioner Strahan stated the Commission is pursuing options as to where they can hold meetings more than once a week. Commissioner Pennel stated that the county has an airport that could be used for meetings throughout the week. Commissioner Herschend expressed that he would prefer if the Commission look at the Presbyterian Church or another church that would have room to prevent people from driving 20 to 25 minutes each way to Branson. A general discussion ensued. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT RICK FINDLEY

Rick Findley, Auditor presented the following monthly budget report for March 2006 to the Commission:

TANEY COUNTY BUDGET
FUND BALANCES 3-31-06

	PERIOD TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE			PERIOD TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE			PERIOD TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL				ACTUAL	ACTUAL				ACTUAL	ACTUAL		
GENERAL COUNTY REV					PROS ATRNEY TRAIN FND					PRO ATT BCF				
BEGINNING BALANCE					BEGINNING BALANCE					BEGINNING BALANCE				
REVENUES	0.00	14,012,380.91			REVENUES	0.00	8,057.19			REVENUES	0.00	174,304.28		
TOTAL REVENUES GCR	716,048.49	2,924,897.60			TOTAL PAT REVENUES	64.45	456.37			TOTAL REVENUES	6,272.18	21,171.20		
TOTAL GCR EXPENDITURES	716,048.49	16,937,278.51			TOTAL PAT FUND BALANCE	64.45	8,513.56			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,272.18	195,475.48		
TOTAL GCR FUND BALANCE	845,276.71	2,892,535.21			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	64.45	8,513.56			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	0.00	1,086.00		
	(129,228.22)	14,044,743.30			COUNTY INSURED FUND						6,272.18	194,389.48		
ROAD & BRIDGE					BEGINNING BALANCE					RECORDERS TECH FUND				
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	201,401.72			BEGINNING BALANCE				
REVENUES	0.00	7,466,464.70			TOTAL CNTY INSURED REV	357.09	1,512.91			REVENUES	0.00	361,138.21		
TOTAL RB REVENUES	97,701.36	355,926.06			EXPENDITURES	357.09	202,914.63			TOTAL REVENUES	20,622.33	61,275.43		
EXPENDITURES	97,701.36	7,822,390.76			TOTAL CNTY INSURED FUND BAL	5,344.79	11,474.95			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,622.33	422,413.64		
TOTAL RB FUND BALANCE	2,729.83	86,247.05				(4,987.70)	191,439.68			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	17,127.75	42,753.11		
	94,971.53	7,736,143.71			911 FUND						3,494.58	379,660.53		
ROAD & BRIDGE TRUST					BEGINNING BALANCE					PA DEL TAX FUND				
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	1,445,476.81			BEGINNING BALANCE				
REVENUES	0.00	6,078,738.25			TOTAL 911 REVENUES	40,696.28	129,395.40			REVENUES	0.00	6,060.98		
TOTAL RBT REVENUES	456,809.41	1,512,642.48			EXPENDITURES	40,696.28	1,574,872.21			TOTAL REVENUES	91.27	235.42		
EXPENDITURES	456,809.41	7,591,380.73			TOTAL 911 FUND BALANCE	52,419.52	475,459.94			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	91.27	6,296.40		
TOTAL RBT FUND BALANCE	491,718.95	1,209,788.65				(11,723.24)	1,099,412.27				91.27	6,296.40		
	(34,909.54)	6,381,592.08			SEWER FUND					LLEBG				
ASSESSMENT FUND					BEGINNING BALANCE					BEGINNING BALANCE				
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	15,571,544.17			TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	0.21		
REVENUES	0.00	19,865.52			TOTAL SEWER REV	474,871.88	1,526,842.98			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.21		
TOTAL AF REVENUES	6,127.77	279,735.70			EXPENDITURES	474,871.88	17,098,387.15				0.00	0.21		
EXPENDITURES	6,127.77	299,601.22			TOTAL SEWER FUND BAL	135,532.80	406,462.50			FLOOD CONTROL				
TOT ASSEMENT FUND BAL	36,181.97	133,930.00				339,339.08	16,691,924.65			REVENUES				
	(30,054.20)	165,671.22			SEWER DESIGNATED FUND					TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	62,682.89		
ELECTION FUND					BEGINNING BALANCE					TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	62,682.89		
BEGINNING BALANCE					TOTAL SEWER REVENUES	0.00	925,449.84				0.00	62,682.89		
REVENUES	0.00	43,906.84			EXPENDITURES	0.00	925,449.84			DRUG FORFEITURE				
TOTAL ELECTION REVENUES	1,220.14	4,530.19			TOTAL SEWER FUND BAL	0.00	925,449.84			BEGINNING BALANCE				
EXPENDITURES	1,220.14	48,437.03			TOTAL ALL SEWER FUNDS	0.00	925,449.84			REVENUES	0.00	1,143.77		
TOTAL ELECTION FUND BAL	0.00	10,624.87				339,339.08	17,617,374.49			TOTAL REVENUES	2.09	8.44		
	1,220.14	37,812.16			SHERIFF CIVIL FUND					TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2.09	1,152.21		
TRANSFER STATION FUND					BEGINNING BALANCE						2.09	1,152.21		
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	72,295.53			SHERIFF REVOLVING				
REVENUES	0.00	546,299.91			TOTAL SHERIFF CIVIL REV	7,533.40	15,987.93			BEGINNING BALANCE				
TOTAL TS REVENUES	48,480.71	147,229.08			EXPENDITURES	7,533.40	88,283.46			REVENUES	0.00	7,520.56		
EXPENDITURES	48,480.71	693,528.99			TOT SHERIFF CIVIL FUND BAL	6,207.45	9,179.53			TOTAL REVENUES	572.56	1,048.05		
TOTAL TS FUND BALANCE	35,209.05	112,221.11				1,325.95	79,103.93			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	572.56	8,569.61		
	13,271.66	581,307.88			TAX MAINTENANCE FUND					TOTAL FUND BALANCE	98.88	98.88		
LEPC FUND					BEGINNING BALANCE						473.68	8,470.73		
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	152,431.37			VEST GRANT				
REVENUES	0.00	10,547.22			TOTAL MAINT FUND REV	9,351.03	24,575.71			BEGINNING BALANCE				
TOTAL LEPC REVENUES	19.64	1,739.11			EXPENDITURES	9,351.03	177,007.08			REVENUES	0.00	43.71		
EXPENDITURES	19.64	12,286.33			TOTAL MAINT FUND BAL	4,502.65	116,998.21			TOTAL REVENUES	1,709.92	1,710.19		
TOTAL LEPC FUND BALANCE	92.77	1,551.62				4,848.38	60,008.87			TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,709.92	1,753.90		
	(73.13)	10,734.71									1,709.92	1,753.90		
LAW ENFRCEMNT TRAIN FND														
BEGINNING BALANCE					REVENUES	0.00	3,787.89							
REVENUES	0.00	3,787.89			TOTAL LET REVENUES	213.38	1,624.48							
TOTAL LET REVENUES	213.38	1,624.48			EXPENDITURES	213.38	5,412.37							
EXPENDITURES	213.38	5,412.37			TOTAL LET FUND BALANCE	272.80	2,506.66							
TOTAL LET FUND BALANCE	272.80	2,506.66				(59.42)	2,905.71							

Commissioner Herschend expressed a concern about the budget report reflecting the correct information and suggested bringing attention to any line item within the budget over a certain percentage. Rick Findley clarified that when a department makes a purchase and sticks it to a particular line item that is over or close to being over budget, then he does draw attention to it. Findley added that statutorily he has to control the bottom line not line items and that he could run a line item report but it would be huge. Findley then suggested instead of printing the report to just make a note when line items are over budget and submit it to the Commission. Herschend stated that would be fine and clarified that he is just looking for a simple report that would show when an office has exceeded the set parameter. A general discussion ensued. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

COUNTY CLEAN UP

Commissioner Strahan stated that the trash pick up was huge success. Strahan expressed that there were a few issues with hazardous materials, in which they had to send items back with them. Strahan suggested having one day a year to collect hazardous materials. Commissioner Herschend stated that he would see about getting the drums and holding them on the sight until the fall clean up. Commissioner Pennel expressed a concern about the Department of Natural Resources. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

TANEY COUNTY TIMES ARTICLE

James Strahan, Assessor expressed his disappointment in the airport figures that were given in a Taney County Times article. Strahan added that he was disturbed in the “sugar coded figures” and stated that ten million dollars was never mentioned, just the one million dollar figure.

John Simperts, Taney County Times clarified that the article was a letter to the editor, which was the personal opinion of the author. No motions were made and no votes were taken.

SALES TAX HELEN SOUTEE

Helen Soutee, Treasurer stated that the sales tax the county received this month is up 6.804% over this same time last year. Soutee added that by the end of the year the county usually levels out to 2%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) (2) (3). Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).