

**DECEMBER 4, 2008 33<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF  
THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met at the Hollister City Hall at 8:00 a.m. pursuant to adjourn with all members present and the following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**EAST / WEST CORRIDOR  
JUSTIN GAGE**

The County Commission was given a presentation by Justin Gage regarding the East / West Corridor and the Event Center.

Mr. Gage gave a detailed presentation highlighting the following points:

- They have traveled to 8 different sights that were comparable to our size and budget of project on event center
- There are two projects
- Need to determine the method of financing
- Asked for an open mind
- The goal is to find out where the County's part of this project is
- Have entertained dialog with approximately 3,000 residents and employ over 400 employees
- If the public doesn't want this they will let us know
- Layout 9 from EFK Moen is economically and financially a good choice – 24 million
- 50% of the heavy water infrastructure has already been done for housing and business growth
- Huge plus for the school system alone to divert traffic off of BB
- Life Safety issues
- 7,000 cars diverted everyday not counting 5-10 years from now
- 1,500 home can be built minimally

Commissioner Herschend commented that he was concerned knowing that two of the Commissioners were going to be leaving within 45 minutes and Mr. Gage hasn't talked about the convention center.

Mr. Gage made the following points:

- 35 million Event Center with 75,000 seats and 140 events in a year
- Already have the pipeline to get people here with the new 65 interchange
- 15 years would bring in 500 million in tax
- None of us want to operate an event center and would recommend SMG
- 1,000 construction jobs for 14 months

- Stimulate ½ million new visitors with a new entertainment for Branson
- The waterpark is complementary of the event center and vice versa
- Tax initiative to fund

Auditor Findley noted that he thought Mr. Gage had over estimated the county's funding as GCR may be able to support \$500,000 a year but R&B already has too many commitments. The projects should stand alone or cut back. Both are good ideas but government shouldn't be involved with an event center. Mr. Gage noted that he did not want to be the first privately owned event center as it is not as equitable as those that are county owned.

Mr. Gage gave additional comments:

- They have been working with Mr. Nixon and his staff and there is some talk of federal dollars
- The property that we are donating is appraised at 9 million

It was agreed that the group should come together and have a plan before going to the public. Another meeting will be scheduled.

### **RECONVENE**

**2:00 p.m.**

The County Commission reconvened via telephone at 2:00 p.m.

### **OZARK BEACH PROJECT**

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the sewer board for the Ozark Beach project. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **HOLIDAY HILLS PROJECT**

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve the recommendation of the sewer board for the Holiday Hills project. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **CITY OF FORSYTH WASTER WATER AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to approve the agreement for waster water treatment with the City of Forsyth. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed.