

**DECEMBER 11, 2008 37th DAY OF
THE OCTOBER ADJOURN TERM**

The County Commission met at the Branson Regional Airport at 9:30 a.m. pursuant with all members present and the following proceedings were had and made a matter of record.

**PRESS RELEASE
BRANSON REGIONAL AIRPORT**

The County Commission attended a press release at the Branson Regional Airport. Tad Hutcheson, Air Tran's Marketing and Sales Vice President, announced Air Tran was the new air carrier for Branson Regional Airport.

**RECESS
10:30 a.m.**

**RECONVENE
2:00 p.m.**

**CASEY ROAD
CONTRACT RETENTION**

Mr. Frank Preston, Road & Bridge Administrator, stated the only dollar figure he could find during his investigation was \$20,000.00, which was paid to the Degraffenreid's for damages. He also noted there were numerous inconveniences experienced by the property owners during the course of the project.

Mr. Spencer Jones, Great River Engineering, communicated to Mr. Preston in an earlier conversation that Herion Construction had a partial monetary obligation, for the removal of the Degraffenreid's trees.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to release half of the retention of \$128,000 to Herion Construction and the remaining half would be held until a settlement was reached on the Degraffenreid property and any other projects deemed by the Commission as a violation of the contract.

A general discussion ensued. Motion died for lack of being seconded.

Commissioner Herschend made a motion to have Mr. Preston send Herion Construction a letter stating the Commission was ready to release all retainage and with their concurrence, the county will deduct \$20,000.00 for the damages incurred on the Degraffenreid property, for a total of \$108,000. Commissioner Strahan seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

FRANK PRESTON

**CONTINUED WORKSESSION
FROM MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

Frank Preston, Road & Bridge Administrator met with the Commission to discuss various issues.

1. Corp of Engineers Roads: Mr. Preston discussed his review of Corp of Engineers roads and presented a letter, which he had received from the Corp of Engineers, referencing several roads within the county.

Commissioner Pennel noted the document only mentioned fixing Slough Hollow Road. Mr. Frank Preston, Road & Bridge Administrator, commented the document addressed over one hundred (100) roads within the county. Commissioner Strahan noted the Corp of Engineers had the documentation, which initially they denied having in their possession, referencing many county roads.

2. Church Parking Lot: Mr. Preston stated the parking lot is currently being striped by Springfield Striping. He also noted Pastor Winzenried was extremely pleased with it all.
3. Judicial Parking Lot: Mr. Preston discussed drainage issues and dirt work concerns referencing the parking lot. He also noted the Commission had been put on notice by Septagon Construction concerning a safety issue with the sidewalks, next to the island areas, being above grade.

The Commission concurred that it is the responsibility of Road & Bridge to create a positive flow in the dirt so a base may be laid, which will need to be addressed as soon as possible, in addition to placing webbed fencing around the island areas as soon as possible and for Road & Bridge to work on those areas as they can.

4. Projector: Mr. Preston noted the projector has been installed in the County Commission Hearing Room and that training will be held sometime next week to ensure departments that use the machine, are properly informed how to use it.
5. River Run Road: Mr. Preston informed the Commission he had been presented with a request to grade River Run Road. He noted the road is located on the far side of Powersite Dam and due to previous storms; it has a layer of mud on it.

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to grade River Run Road. A general discussion ensued. Motion died for lack of being seconded.

Commissioner Pennel made a motion to assign Commissioner Strahan to contact Mr. John Hiser, Corp of Engineer, referencing River Run Road, which the county would take over maintenance beginning at the end of the park campground to the end of the road. Commissioner Herschend seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Pennel (yes), Herschend (yes), Strahan (yes).

6. Road Standards: Mr. Preston stated he had the final draft ready for the Commission to approve. He scheduled it for Friday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m.
7. Snow Rodeo: Road & Bridge will be holding their annual Snow Rodeo on Friday, December 12th.

COMMISSIONER HERSCHEND

Commissioner Herschend noted that he would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Rick Zigenfuss, City of Hollister, and the Commission to discuss the East/West Corridor.

RECESS

Commissioner Strahan made a motion to recess. Commissioner Pennel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes were typed by Nikki Lawrence.