

McDonald County Commission Minutes

APRIL 1, 2009

The McDonald County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner, Larry Jones, Eastern Commissioner, Sam Gaskill & Western Commissioner, Ronald G. Walker present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Newton County, Bill Dobbs, met with the Commission to discuss some county issues.

Bill Buttram, Anderson West area, met with the Commission & John Walker, McDonald County Health Department's Environmentalist Public Specialist, to discuss some septic issues.

Mr. Walker also brought to the Commission information on updating the counties wastewater ordinances. Commission agreed to review the information & get back with Mr. Walker on the ordinance.

Paige Behm, Health Department Administrator, met with the Commission concerning a grant she has received to put an informational billboard up in McDonald County. The grant will pay the full price for a year of posting. Commission agreed & signed papers to implement the grant.

Dana Banta, Crime Victim Advocate, met with the Commission to discuss several legal issues with her office. Commission expressed appreciation for all the good work done by Ms. Banta.

Commissioners Gaskill & Jones contacted Mike Taggart from the Bella Vista P.O.A. to discuss a concern on Gordon Hollow Road.

After much discussion, Commissioner Sam Gaskill made the motion with Commissioner Ronnie Walker seconding, to accept Henry M. Adkins & Sons as the county's vendor for voting equipment & supplies for the next year. Vote was unanimous. Agreement is made on a yearly basis & will be looked at again in April 2010.

A COPS Hiring Recovery Grant was discussed. After the discussion was held the motion was made by Commissioner Gaskill to apply for the grant with Commissioner Jones seconding. Vote was as follows. Jones, yes, Gaskill, yes, Walker, no. Vote carried.

Commission discussed a plan suggested by County Road Foreman, Jerry Mullins, to list & record the width of every county road for maintenance purposes. Commission will begin on some of the busiest roads & will encourage new property owners to voluntarily establish a 50 foot right of way to allow for utilities & road maintenance including drainage. Commission realize this will be a huge undertaking, but feel it will assist them & any future Commissioners or county road workers.

ADJOURN

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 4/6/9.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES

Larry Jones

Sam Gaskill

Ronald G. Walker