

# McDonald County Commission Minutes

**MAY 11, 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.

Due to the recent flooding, Commissioner Gaskill toured several areas of damaged roads on his way in to the County Courthouse.

Commission, County Clerk Williams & HR/Payroll Deputy, Sheila Foreman, met to discuss several county issues, including comp time, handbook information & FMLA. County Planner/Floodplain Administrator, Bob Corcoran, met with the Commission to update them on several meetings he has attended & has plans to attend in the future. Some with businesses in the area and some with MoDOT representatives.

Commission met with County Road Foreman, Jerry Mullins, to discuss the recent road damage due to flood water. Commissioner Gaskill had gone to check out serious damage on Mike's Creek Road & a sink hole on Thomas Hollow Road that had already been repaired. Commission all appreciated Mr. Mullins quick response to the emergency work that was needed.

Commission discussed the general conditions of the county roads, with the consensus that the roads, until the recent storm damage, have been overall in better shape than ever before. Mr. Mullins was not in full agreement with that statement since he feels that many of the roads were not built on a good foundation, and therefore will require consistent maintenance. Commission & Mr. Mullins agreed that that will always be true, and appreciate Mr. Mullins dedication to the county.

After much discussion, Commissioner Walker made a motion to change the inventory requirements from a \$250 dollar minimum to a \$1,000. dollar minimum as was approved by the state auditors. Commissioner Gaskill seconded the motion & the vote was unanimous.

Paige Behm, County Health Department Administrator, met with the Commission to discuss several issues. The continuing effort to establish the new building into the county's Health Department & County Planner/Floodplain Administrator's offices. The addition will be slowly completed & will allow the expansion of those offices & the building was paid for with a grant written by Ms. Behm.

County Emergency Management Director, Gregg Sweeten met with the Commission for his weekly update in the county's Emergency Management Program & Litter Program. Mr. Sweeten informed the Commission of several issues that were dealt with during the recent storm, including damage to a home east of Longview. But other that the damages were limited, with most of the storms going north & south of our county.

Mr., Sweeten also informed the Commission that he is preparing a Public Service Announcement to run on a local channel, concerning safety issues during a storm. The new equipment is up & running that connects all Emergency Management Directors with an instant notification of storm concerns. The National Weather Service Chat program & equipment which allows immediate alerts is up & running & paid for by the National Weather Service.

The video conferencing that was funded by the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee is now connected & is much appreciated. This equipment allows all of Missouri's Emergency Management Directors to be connected at one time & also with the State Emergency Management Office.

The existing Litter Grant was discussed & he informed the Commission that two more county roads have been adopted by volunteers who are willing to help keep the roads clean. Mr. Sweeten is also preparing a new ad that will run in the paper once a month that will inform others how to contact him for anyone interested in adopting a road in their area, or with other litter concerns.

Ron Wright, County Planning Commission Chairman, met with the Commission to clarify the Planning Commission's direction & goals. Also discussed were the recent openings that have been advertised in the paper. Mr. Wright & Commission are hoping for more volunteers who wish to become involved with the Planning Commission. The newly produced sub-division addition to the county's plan was discussed & Commission expressed appreciation for all the hard work in planning for the county's future while keeping in step with the state statutes. Mr. Wright invited the Commission to attend the sub-committee meeting at the McDonald county Title Conference room in Pineville on May 13th 9:00 & also the Full Planning Commission meeting on the following Monday the 18th at the Courthouse at 7 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 5/13/9.

## **COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES**

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Larry Jones

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Sam Gaskill

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Ronald G. Walker