

# McDonald County Commission Minutes

**JULY 6, 2009**

The McDonald County Commission met with Interim Presiding & Eastern Commissioner, Sam Gaskill, & Western Commissioner, Ronald G. Walker present, Presiding Commissioner, Larry Jones was absent due to illness.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Bob Corcoran, County Planner/Floodplain Administrator, met with the Commission to discuss the county growth & floodplain issues. Mr. Corcoran clarified that the few times he has been assisted by Monnie Sears, the bill for Mr. Sears service has been paid by the property owner & is no expense to the county. The Commission expressed appreciation for Mr. Sears assistance to these residents.

A Floodplain General Information Meeting will be planned for the Noel area as soon as Presiding Commissioner Jones has recuperated from his open-heart surgery.

Also discussed with Mr. Corcoran was the status of the census for the county. It seems to be on track & will be active until the completion of its last review in August of 2010. The response to the census is extremely important to the county since it is one of the deciding factors in how much gas tax is returned to the county, also effected are grants & the Health Department. The county & all cities, along with 15 other entities, are involved in seeing that the county numbers are accurate.

Gene Hall, Circuit Clerk, met with the Commission to request road maintenance on Kings Hollow Road & Highway E & Sawmill Road. Commission contacted MoDOT to join forces & see what can be done.

Commission contacted Jerry Mullins, County Road Foreman, to discuss several road issues. Also discussed was an incident involving the road crew & Mr. Mullins & some individuals who were threatening them. The Sheriff's Department was called to the site & the Commission called the Sheriff's Office & requested a copy of the incident report for their records. Sheriff Evenson stated he would look into the matter & get a copy of the report to the Commission.

Gregg Sweeten, Emergency Management Director & Litter Grant Administrator met with the Commission to update them on his activities. The possibility of accepting the responsibility of the recycling program was again discussed & Mr. Sweeten has an appointment to discuss the issue with Region M & will contact the Commission with the results of that meeting. The recycling program would benefit the county & would not be any further financial burden on the county.

Mr. Sweeten has had several requests for a collection site for household hazardous waste materials. He is looking into the possibilities of a regular collection site, also at no cost to the county. This site would take items like paint or batteries.

Mr. Sweeten is also conducting a Hazardous Flow Study for waste that travels through the county by highway & then will do the same type of study on the railways. This will assist in case of an accidental spill of any kind of chemical waste.

Paige Behm, Health Department Administrator, met with the Commission to request some changes in her budget. Commission agreed she should drop one contract that does not seem to be fulfilling the Health Department needs. The other issue was a raise for the nursing staff. The Commission fully appreciates the hard work of Ms. Behm & her staff & realizes they are working hard to protect the county. But at this time of economic concern it is not possible to raise the salary of any county employees. They certainly intend, if at all possible, to look closer at that possibility in the new 2010 budget.

Ms. Behm warns the H1N1 flu virus is a serious threat in McDonald County this fall. Ms. Behm reminds everyone to take normal precautions in protecting yourself from contact with anyone who may have the virus, or spreading it yourself if you have it

## **ADJOURN**

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/8/09.

## **COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES**

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Larry Jones

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Sam Gaskill

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Ronald G. Walker