

McDonald County Commission Minutes

JULY 8, 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.

APPROVE BILLS AND SIGN CHECKS

Commission approved bills and signed checks in the amount of \$31,892.30; total for all funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Pat Beshears, Pineville Mayor, met with the Commission to discuss Havenhurst Road.

MoDOT advised Commission of the ongoing underwater inspections of Oscar Talley bridge.

Bill Ross met with Commission to request maintenance on Elk River Road.

Commission signed a document in continued support of the ongoing agreement with Lafayette House.

Sheriff's Deputy, Lori Martinez Howard & Sheriff Robert Evenson met with the Commission to discuss the Pineville wastewater treatment problem with the jail. Commission will meet with the Pineville Water Department Administrator to see what can be done to keep the system running as well as possible for the city & for the jail.

Also discussed was the ride-along policy. Sheriff Evenson will continue to study the procedures that are required by the insurance carrier & bring his recommendations back to the Commission for their review.

Sheriff Evenson was questioned about the expected reimbursement of a deputy's inappropriate expenditures. He stated the deputy is going to reimburse the county for the money spent.

Commissioner Gaskill asked about the report he had requested Monday, concerning the threats made to the County Road Foreman, Jerry Mullins. Sheriff Evenson stated Mr. Mullins could come down anytime & they would fill out the paperwork from the incident for the county's records.

Commissioner Gaskill left to attend a Region M meeting at Stone's Corner in Joplin.

Commissioner Walker continued with county business.

Commissioner Walker contacted Jimmie Wasson, Courthouse Custodian to discuss the wastewater issue at the jail & they will both attend the meeting next week.

Patrick Gooch, Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council & Mayor on Neck City, visited with Commissioner Walker.

Gregg Sweeten, Emergency Management Director & Litter Grant Administrator, met with Commissioner Walker to update him on the earlier meeting with SWMESO (Southwest Missouri Emergency Support Organization) he had attended in Neosho. The meeting was attended by all the Emergency Management Directors in Southwest Missouri & was very informative. One of the topics covered was the H1N1 Virus that has become a concern.

Mr. Sweeten also had information on the possibility of the recycling trailers being made the responsibility of the county. The Region M stated they would have to allow all the counties in this region apply for the trailers & pickup. unless the county wanted to purchase the trailers. Mr. Sweeten then explained that was not possible at this time & we will have to wait for the decision of Region M.

Commission received a call from Dave Jarvis of Great River Engineering to discuss the advances made on the Powell Bridge project. The property that is needed for the new bridge has been staked out & the parties involved all seem agreeable to the locations. So it is looking good for the projects advancement.

ADJOURN

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/13/09.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES

Larry Jones

Sam Gaskill

Ronald G. Walker