

# McDonald County Commission Minutes

**JULY 13, 2009**

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Chris Mikeska met with the Commission to discuss his retiring from the recycling program & would like to see it continued for McDonald County's benefit. Commission had Gregg Sweeten, Emergency Management Director & Administrator of the Litter Grant Program, attend the meeting & Mr. Mikeska suggested Mr. Sweeten take over the responsibilities of the recycling program to include in the litter program. That would allow the county citizens to continue their recycling. Then if Region M would add the recycling trailers to the litter grant in the fall Mr. Mikeska would be paid for the trailers at that time. If Region M would not allow them to be transferred over, they would revert back to Mr. Mikeska to sell elsewhere. Commission & Mr. Sweeten agreed to the transfer of responsibilities at this time & appreciated Mr. Mikeska & Mr. Sweeten's concern for the county & its recycling program.

Retired Sheriff & now temporary Noel Deputy, Don Schlessman, met with the Commission to clarify the communication situation in the Noel Police Department, as reported on in an article in the newspaper. Deputy Schlessman stated the article & statements were completely false & inaccurate and he wanted to clear up the matter. The Law Enforcement coverage in Noel is now 24-7 & they have both cars repaired. Commission appreciated Deputy Schlessman's visit & stated they had been in contact with Marshall Boles & he agreed that Noel's Law Enforcement is doing very well.

Gregg Sweeten also gave a report as Emergency Management Director concerning an upcoming class on Hazardous Materials . The 8 hour class is required for the fire department & emergency services personnel. Also coming up is a C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Training) class that is 32 hours in August 10th thru September 3rd. This training is free & open to the public. It will cover fire suppression, search & rescue, basic first aide & disaster preparedness. This will benefit the county in ice storms, tornadoes or any kind of emergency. Further information on both of these classes can be received on the website or by calling Mr. Sweeten's office.

Jerry Mullins, County Road Foreman, met with the Commission to discuss several issues including the finishing of the Granny's Branch project.

Sheriff Evenson & Chief Deputy Bud Gow met with the Commission to discuss several recent crashes with county vehicles that were a concern for the Commission. Sheriff Evenson explained the circumstances of each wreck. The car that was totaled will be turned in to the insurance for salvage & the other two are repairable. The replacement will be postponed until a better economic picture. Sheriff Evenson said he understood, with the continued drop in revenue it is not possible to replace the vehicle at this time. The Commission & Sheriff are all anxious for an upturn in the economy in order to allow replacement. County Clerk Williams will look into the possibilities of using other funds to allow replacement.

Bill & Lucy Martin met with the Commission to discuss the recent award of \$1,850. to the White Rock Fire Department for "Risk-assessment & assisting their community." Commission had written letter of congratulations after the award was received from the state.

Bob Corcoran, County Planner/ Floodplain Administrator updated the Commission on his activities.

Laura Pope, County Assessor, met with the Commission to discuss the county fair & its security. Bob Corcoran offered the services of the Anderson Police force in keeping an eye out on the fair in the night & early hours. Commission & Ms. Pope appreciated his offer & would appreciate their assistance

## **ADJOURN**

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/15/09.

## **COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES**

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Larry Jones

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Sam Gaskill

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Ronald G. Walker