

McDonald County Commission Minutes

JULY 15, 2009

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

APPROVE BILLS AND SIGN CHECKS

Commission approved bills and signed checks in the amount of \$58,979.6, total for all funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Sam Helm, met with the Commission to discuss the County Planning Commission appointments.

Jerry Mullins, County Road Foreman, met with the Commission to discuss the completion of Granny's Branch, and the possibility of placing an overlay on a few chip & seal roads to extend the life of their improvement. Commission requested Mr. Mullins get some information on which roads this process would help & an approximate cost of the process.

Mike Stearns, newspaper editor, met with the Commission, Treasurer, Joye Helm & County Clerk Barbara Williams, to inquire about the Sheriff's Department's ability to replace their most recently wrecked vehicle. They also discussed the issue of a law enforcement ride-along policy limit & budget restrictions due to the low revenues not being political decisions. Mr. Stearns gathered some new information & will check into several matters.

Tim Johnson met with the Commission to request advice on how to maintain Canary Road. Commission gave Mr. Johnson a list of the specs that would need to be met to allow the adoption of the road as a county road.

Frank Anderson, Bentonville Mayor, contacted the Commission for an update as to why the work had stopped on Gordon Hollow Road. Commission & Mr. Mullins explained although the work will continue, they moved to different projects that were needed with the rest of the county. The work on Gordon Hollow will continue as soon as possible.

Karen Johnson called the Commission concerning damage being done on West Garner St in the Goodman area. Mr. Mullins had looked into the problem earlier that day & will continue to keep an eye on the area, but explained that they have no power to limit the traffic on the road, since it is a public road.

Commissioner Walker was contacted by the Sheriff's Department to come & look at a vehicle they were looking at to replace the one recently wrecked.

Sheriff Evenson & Chief Deputy, Bud Gow, met with the Commission to discuss grant possibilities. There seem to be no grants at this time available for vehicles, but Sheriff Evenson will keep looking into the possibility.

Also discussed was the request to purchase a 2008 Chevy Malibu to replace the one that is used for Transportation to the Department of Corrections. The vehicle that is being replaced will then be used as a back-up vehicle. Although concerned for the county's budget, the Commission agreed to the purchase since Sheriff Evenson is going to use money from his Extradition & Transportation fund, along with the insurance reimbursement from the recently wrecked deputy's vehicle.

Williams Mosby met with the Commission to update them on his work on the "Old Log Courthouse."

Mr. Mosby has been working on the windows & the work & materials is being paid for by the McDonald County Historical Society.

ADJOURN

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/20/09.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES

Larry Jones

Sam Gaskill

Ronald G. Walker