

McDonald County Commission Minutes

FEBRUARY 24, 2010

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

APPROVE BILLS AND SIGN CHECKS

Commission approved bills and signed checks in the amount of \$372,222.72, total for all funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Western Commissioner Ronnie Walker, updated the Commission & County Clerk Williams on a meeting he had attended at the High School with the newly formed Economic Development & Education Committee.

Jerry Mullins, County Road Foreman met with the Commission to discuss road & bridge maintenance. Commission & Mr. Mullins are trying to find a solution to the the tremendous amount of problems on chip & seal roads. Many roads were chip & sealed in the past, with minimal or no preparation. Their condition has only lasted a few years & they are breaking up with no good way to repair them without completely rebuilding. Commission will make some sort of priority list that will allow the county to use its limited finances as is best for the county. The beginning criteria, will be a good traffic count, the width of rights-of-way so the the county equipment can be used to do good repair work, the proper draining of water & how much the repairs will cost to get the road in better condition. These criteria will be collected & reviewed by the Commission before any decisions are made on major work that will be done as soon as possible.

Commissioner Walker brought to the attention of the Commission the loss of M.L. Cook. Mr. Cook was a friend of the county & had even donated fill dirt for county roads. Commission expressed their appreciation for Mr. Cook' support in their endeavors to improve the county & agreed that he will be missed by all who knew him.

Gregg Sweeten, Emergency Management Director, reminded the Commission that a CERT (County Emergency Response Team) training class will be held here in the courthouse March 1st for Storm Spotters. The class begins at 6:30 & there is no charge.

Mr. Sweeten also informed the Commission on a new Public Service Announcement that reminds viewers of the activities of the C.E.R.T. training & encourages involvement to the general public. The McDonald County Telephone Company is airing the video on their Public Access channel at no charge to the county.

ADJOURN

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 3/1/10.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES

Larry Jones

Sam Gaskill

Ronald G. Walker