

# McDonald County Commission Minutes

**MARCH 1, 2010**

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Bob Corcoran, County Planner/Floodplain Administrator & Census Coordinator, updated the Commission on recent activities. Commission expressed appreciation for his work on the census since it was not originally in his job duties, but he has taken on the task at no extra salary.

Jerry Mullins, County Road Foreman, met with the Commission to discuss the possibility of road repair on the numerous areas of chip & seal roads. The rate of asphalt for the repairs has gone from \$ 48 per ton to \$84 to \$91 dollars which makes the repairs a major financial decision.

Mr. Jarrod Proctor met with the Commission to discuss the options available for installation of a culvert on a private property access to a county road. Commission agreed that the installation could be done by the county after an assessment & estimation by the County Road Foreman & prepayment by the property owner, to the county for all materials. The County would be responsible for all labor costs.

Gregg Sweeten, County Emergency Management Director & Litter Control Administrator, met with the Commission to remind them of the weather Storm Spotter training set for March 1st at the Courthouse.

A state wide tornado drill is set for March 9th at 1:30 p.m. & he will be doing testing in all communities.

Mr. Sweeten applied for a grant for tornado sirens in the Splitlog, Jane Caverna Powell, Rocky Comfort, Ginger Blue, Longview & Tiff City areas. The grant would be 100% paid with federal money with no county match required. The grant is for \$149,000.

Mr. Sweeten stated that his office has received notice from Homeland Security Oversight Committee that his office is going to receive a Mass Care Trailer, fully stocked with shelter kit, cots & blankets. The trailer is being purchased at no cost to the county, and being mobile, can be moved to any area that is needing assistance.

They have also received training supplies from the region D CERT representative to start teaching our CERT classes here in McDonald County. We have received 52 CERT bags that would have cost \$40. each. The county has received these at no cost to the county.

The IRIS Emergency Alert System is up & running. This is an emergency alert program that was purchased with Homeland Security funds & is in place for those who need to receive emergency warnings.

## **ADJOURN**

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 03-03-10.

## **COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES**

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Larry Jones

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Sam Gaskill

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Ronald G. Walker