

McDonald County Commission Minutes

AUGUST 18, 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 \$42,495.44, total for all funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commission conducted General Business of the County.

Sheriff Evenson met with the Commission to discuss several issues. Budget adjustments were agreed to in order to keep the budget in check. Several complaints from citizens were also discussed concerning excessive speeding by deputies in emergency & non-emergency situations.

Hot pursuits were discussed & Sheriff Evenson explained the usual procedure that involves a supervisor making the decision to continue or discontinue the pursuit.

The recent wreck of a county vehicle was discussed & Human Resources Deputy from the County Clerk's office, Sheila Foreman, reminded Sheriff Evenson that accident reports must be timely in order for her to report the incident to the insurance. Also the hiring of new employees require paperwork with Ms. Foreman that will include the post-hire physical, e-verify & drug testing done before the new employee actually begins their duties. When this is not done the employee cannot be paid until all paperwork is completed. Sheriff Evenson agreed that is what he is directing new-hires to do & if they do not comply they will be inconvenienced by late pay.

Sheriff Evenson updated the Commission on some possible new equipment that may become available through a grant that would allow voiceless dispatch through a Mobile Radio Terminal.

Commission & County Clerk, Barbara Williams, met with several members of the McDonald County Historical Society to discuss the plan for a co-ownership agreement between the Historical Society & the County that would allow the Historical Society to take over the "Old Courthouse" on Main Street. This will allow more space when the McDonald County Historical Museum is moved to that site. The museum is now located on Harmon St in the "Old Sheriff's Home place" that is shared with the McDonald County Chamber of Commerce. The Historical Society will take over the utilities and complete maintenance of the building, with the County continuing the responsibility for the grounds & the insurance. All present agreed the plan will benefit visitors who will be able to enjoy the museum for years to come & be something the county can take pride in. Historical Society members agreed to contact an attorney at their expense to set up a simple contract to legalize the agreement.

Camille Graves, DNR Representative, met with the Commission to update them on the Candy Lane septic issue. Ms. Graves stated the issue had been turned over to the McDonald County Prosecuting Attorney with the complete cooperation of the Health Department Environmentalist.

ADJOURN

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 08-23-10.

COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURES

Larry Jones

Sam Gaskill

Ronald G. Walker