

# McDonald County Commission—Minutes

May 20th, 2013

**Present:**

Keith Lindquist- Presiding Commissioner

John Bunch- Eastern Commissioner

David Holloway- Western Commissioner

Barbara Williams- County Clerk

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Commissioner Lindquist opened the meeting in the courtroom due to the many concerned citizens in attendance. Brent Blake was on the agenda & questioned the Commission on their plans for the Emergency Management position. Over 50 people were in attendance & many had questions & recommendations to keep Mr. Sweeten in the Emergency Management Administrator position. Commissioner Holloway stated he felt it was a budget issue & Commissioner Bunch stated he felt the job could be done by 2 or 3 volunteers with dispatch by 911. Many people expressed their doubt about 911 being able to handle the added responsibility. Commissioner Bunch stated he had agreed the county may pay 911 for training expenses up to \$10,000. Commissioner Lindquist stated he is against the change & will vote no for the proposed change.

After the meeting in the courtroom, Shelby Turner & David Abbot met with the Commission to further discuss the possible changes. It was stated the Commission had gone behind the backs of the people and was not appreciated. They are both in emergency positions & said they have benefited from Mr. Sweeten's expertise.

Commissioner Bunch reported on a 911 meeting Commission had attended to discuss possible changes in the Emergency Management. *gc per J.B.*  
Commission attended to General Business the rest of the day.

## ADJOURN

Commission will reconvene on May 22nd, 2013

## SIGNATURES

  
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Keith Lindquist

  
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John Bunch

  
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David Holloway