

THE JULY TERM HELD ON 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2011

The County Commission convened at 9:10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on October 11, 2011. Present: Dan Colbert-Presiding Commissioner, Jim Mayes – Associate Commissioner District 1, Matt Bass-Associate Commissioner District 2, Crystal Hall-County Clerk, the following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Jim Mayes.

Highway Department: Bruce Wallace and Don Lilley

- Update given on progress of the Meier Road asphalt project. The project should be completed weather permitting this week.
- Discussion on the 10 hour work day was held. The department will go back to a 5 day work week after daylight savings time. The 10 hour work day will resume on April 1st.

Special Services: Kelly Hardcastle

- Discussed the possibility of a cleanup project at the county owned property at Winfield Acres. The Commissioners will take a look at the site and discuss at a later date.
- Informed the Commissioners of an emergency management drill this coming weekend at the State Park.
- Kelly inquired about the IDA ordinance. The paperwork is still at the prosecuting attorney's office for review.

911 Communications: Margie Harrell

- Weekly Report was reviewed and discussed.

Maintenance Crew: Sam Clary, Randy Siebert, & Allan Watkins

- General maintenance issues were discussed.
- Discussed the phone system upgrades from Centurylink. Centurylink estimates that the phones will be down on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 for approximately 10 minutes minimum up to all day.

Prosecuting Attorney, Leah Askey

- Leah presented completed contracts for collections of taxes. Still awaiting signed contracts from Old Monroe, Silex, and Fountain N Lake.
- Discussed the LINC contract with Community Opportunities. Leah will draft a new contract adding a 30 day provision to the language.
- Leah will review the IDA ordinance.
- Discussion was held regarding the collection of back personal property taxes for the collector's office. Currently a member of Leah's staff is spending 80% of their time on delinquent personal property tax collection. The collector is willing to transfer funds from his tax maintenance fund to help reimburse for the salary, postage, paper, etc. Leah claims if she could get those funds from the tax maintenance fund, it would help her department budget for more personnel to do other work for her office. The commissioners and the auditor will investigate the statutes concerning the budget and see if this is possible.
- Discussed the Rise Above Scholarship Fund that Leah is beginning. Leah will check with the county treasurer to get the proper procedures for opening a new checking account for the scholarship fund.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Daniel H. Colbert
Presiding Commissioner

Jim Mayes
Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass
Associate Commissioner District II