

THE JULY TERM HELD ON 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2011

The County Commission convened at 9:04 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on September 27, 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

- Submitted evaluations for commissioners to review.
- Submitted list of potential roads to receive over lay & patching of asphalt for 2012.
- Submitted list of equipment that may need replacing in 2012, in order to prepare for the budget.
- Discussion involving the foam for bush hog tires was held, and it was decided not to use the foam. It would be just as cost effective to replace the tires.
- Reviewed documents from Charlie Day regarding Fire House Lane.
- Discussed sending the grader operators to Pike County for a day of hands on training with the new graders.
- The John Deere grader will need to be returned to Erb Equipment by the 9th of November.
- Update given on progress of the Meier Road asphalt project.
- Discussion on the 10 hour work day was held. Will discuss further at next week's meeting with the commission.

Special Services: Kelly Hardcastle

- Notified commission he will be training the prosecuting attorney's staff as well as the circuit clerk's staff how to update their own websites. Both offices are hoping to have up to date information on their sites and would like the capabilities of updating daily.
- Discussed the need for infrastructure in the county.
- Commissioner Colbert asked Kelly to help in recruiting a private business owner from the county to join the Work Force Investment Board.

911 Communications: Margie Harrell

- Weekly Report was reviewed and discussed.
- One new hire has started with the other two to begin in the next 2 weeks.
- Asked the commissioners to send a letter regarding 911 Cell Fee to Representative Gatschenberger.
- Margie reported that the rummage sale held on Saturday was a success.

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

- General maintenance issues were discussed.
- Sam is working on organizing the key cabinet and identifying unmarked keys that were in the county clerk's office.
- Purchase orders to be completed for salt and ice melt purchases.
- Discussed the need of a new lawn mower for the Justice Center and Sheriff's Department. Randy Siebert to get pricing for budgeting of 2012.

Unfinished/New Business

- Ramona Irvine and other members of the Lincoln County Association for Family & Community Education Council were present to ask the commission to declare October 9th through 15th, National Family Community Education Week in Lincoln County. The Commissioners signed the proclamation.

Public Comments

- A public hearing was held concerning the proposed vacation of portions of Bufford Road. Robert Robben, Alice Coose, Jack Whalen, and Ted Heffner spoke in favor of vacating Bufford Road. Mr. and Mrs. Robben's legal counsel, Charles Hurth, was also present to represent his client's interests in the matter. Jesse Granneman, legal counsel for Leon Blattel and Scott Blattel was present representing his clients wish to not vacate portions of the road. Leon and Scott Blattel each spoke about their desire to not vacate the road.

Scott Blattel read letters from Mike and Sandy Tyler and Mike and Marsha Royster, expressing their concerns of not vacating the road. Leah Askey, Prosecuting Attorney, and legal counsel for the commission was also present. There is currently a civil suit scheduled to go before the Honorable Judge Ash on October 14, 2011. The commission decided to table the decision of vacating Bufford Road until after Judge Ash makes his ruling in the civil suit.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Daniel H. Colbert
Presiding Commissioner

Jim Mayes
Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass
Associate Commissioner District II