

THE JULY TERM HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2013

The County Commission convened at 9:05 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on September 30, 2013. Present: Dan Colbert-Presiding Commissioner, Eugene Galloway- Associate Commissioner District 1, Matt Bass-Associate Commissioner District 2, Crystal Hall—County Clerk, the following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Rev. Gary Jackson

**Sheriff John Cottle**

- Sheriff Cottle reported that there are currently 150 prisoners being housed at the jail, 46 of which are federal prisoners. There are currently 13 people on the electronic monitoring program.
- Sheriff Cottle updated the Commissioners on several activities prisoners are participating in, such as washing cars and equipment for the department. They have formed a prisoner choir, and there is now a chaplain for the jail. The inmates plan to expand the garden and will be making a trail out of straw for youngsters to tour during Halloween. All of the above mentioned programs are to help the inmates in the rehabilitation process while serving their time.
- Discussed the bids for Correctional security electronics, there was an extreme range in pricing from the three bids which were received. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to reject all bids and rework the specifications as needed due to the extreme range in pricing. Commissioner Bass second. The ayes carried the motion.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to execute Nixle contracts for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. Nixle will provide unlimited text, email, and web notifications; multi-platform integration, two-way communication, anonymous tipping, 25 mobile keywords, private/public groups, enhanced geo-targeting, 24 hour phone support, multi language support and IPAWS publication for a cost of \$1,900.00 per agency per year. Commissioner Galloway second. The ayes carried the motion.

**Economic Development Director: Larry Tucker**

- Discussed changes to a brochure which is in the draft phase for economic development.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to authorize Larry Tucker to obtain a County credit card. Commissioner Galloway second. The ayes carried the motion.

**911 Director: Margie Harrell**

- Harrell reports that the City of Silex is in arrears from 2012. Harrell will contact Silex's Chief of Police to make payment arrangements.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Galloway second. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes to enter closed session. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to leave closed session. Commissioner Galloway second. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes to leave closed session. Motion carried.

**Unfinished/New Business**

- Commissioner Bass made a motion to authorize a single feasible source purchase for the canvass of registered voters from EJ Rice. Commissioner Galloway second. The ayes carried the motion.
- Commissioner Galloway made a motion to award the engineering for the proposed Ponderosa NID to Great River Associates. Commissioner Bass second. The ayes carried the motion.
- Requests for qualifications were opened from the following engineering firms for the Quarry Road Bridge Project: Bernardin, Lochmueller, & Associates; Kuhlmann Design Group; Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw, Inc.; Horner & Shifrin, Inc. Engineers; Shafer, Kline, & Warren, Inc.; and MECO Engineering Co., Inc.
- Requests for qualifications were opened from the following engineering firms for the Sand Run Road Bridge Project: Bernardin, Lochmueller, & Associates; Kuhlmann Design Group; Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw, Inc.; Great River Associates, Inc.; Horner & Shifrin, Inc. Engineers; Shafer, Kline, & Warren, Inc.; and MECO Engineering Co., Inc.
- David Hamilton, Great River Associates discussed bridge deficiencies throughout the County. Hamilton is working with the Highway Department to resolve several of the deficiencies. The Highway Department has completed some of the repair work and intends to continue with the deck work this fall and winter. Hamilton says that Kuntz Road needs some wing walls built, he will prepare a cost estimate. Hamilton will provide

the Commissioners with information regarding bridge decking. Hamilton gave an update concerning relocating utilities at Sand Run Road for potential road improvements.

- The minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> have been reviewed. Commissioner Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Colbert second. The ayes carried the motion.

**Ministerial Activities/Road and County Property Inspection:**

- Roads Inspected:

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Monday, October 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

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Crystal M. Hall  
County Clerk

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Daniel H. Colbert  
Presiding Commissioner

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EuGene Galloway  
Associate Commissioner District I

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Matt Bass  
Associate Commissioner District II