

THE JULY TERM HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2021

The County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on August 10, 2021. Present: Joseph Kaimann, Presiding Commissioner; Mike Mueller, Associate Commissioner District 1; Matt Bass, Associate Commissioner District 2; and Mike Kreuger, Chief Deputy Clerk. The following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Bass.

Eric Tapley, Highway Department

- Highway Department personnel responded to calls for storm debris and tree removal on twenty-two roads following the storm on Thursday, August 12th.
- Discussed general road maintenance and improvements: Base layer (pug) for new construction asphalt has been completed on Schemmer and Godt Roads; Pugging will be completed on Millcreek Church Road this week, weather permitting. Rock hauled to N. Rock Church Road from Highway U to Turkey Hills Drive.
- Discussed ongoing county road/bridge projects: Graven's Road will be closed on Tuesday, August 17th for bridge replacement work. Signage has been in place. Tapley presented an updated schedule of road work for the 2021 paving season and proposed projects for 2022.
- Tapley presented a plan for rehabbing Duncan Mansion Road subject to reaching a funding agreement with the City of Silex.
- Tapley presented a letter from SEMA announcing the availability of post-disaster Hazzard Mitigation Grant Funding stemming from federal disaster declaration FEMA-DR-4490-MO. Commissioner Kaimann instructed Tapley to conduct traffic surveys on bridge projects that were unable to be completed under previous grant funding and to work with Emergency Management to submit applications for funding those projects.
- Commissioner Mueller made a motion to accept a donation of a 2012 Ford F-550 Bucket Truck, VIN number 1FDUF5HT5CEB22321, from Ameren Electric Company. Commissioner Bass second. All ayes to carry the motion.

Maintenance Crew: Randy Siebert and Bryan Clary

- General maintenance items and work orders were discussed.
- Siebert reported rain had infiltrated some office spaces at the Justice Center during the August 12th storm. The water has been cleaned up.

New/Unfinished Business

- Chris Schieffer from Sacred Heart St. Vincent De Paul gave a report on homelessness in Lincoln County. Also attending were a number of community volunteers who have formed a committee to address the issue of affordable housing. Schieffer reported that funding is desperately needed to continue their mission to assist the homeless in securing affordable housing. The committee requested that the commission officially appoint an affordable housing task force to legitimize the committee and aid them in the pursuit of grant funding. Schieffer and other members of the committee also requested that the commission consider any funding that may be available to assist them. The commission requested that the committee come back with a formal mission statement and recommendations for the task force.
- Commissioner Mueller made a motion to appoint Daniel Heavin as interim coroner. Commissioner Bass second. All ayes to carry the motion.
- Commissioner Mueller made a motion to repeal County Ordinance No. 1998-1, concerning recreational off highway and all-terrain vehicles, and to enact County Ordinance No. 08162021-01 in its place. Commissioner Bass second. All ayes to carry the motion.
- Commissioner Mueller made a motion to dispose of two broken office chairs, asset number 3887 from Emergency Management and asset number 1356 from the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Bass second. All ayes to carry the motion.
- Mike Baker, Sam Saunders, and Sarah Francis from SysTec Wireless Communications reported on the progress of their wireless expansion project. Currently there are ten WISPS installed servicing 56 subscribers. They have 272 potential subscribers that they are currently unable to service. They have partnered with Croft Electric to install more equipment soon.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Crystal M. Hall
County Clerk

Joseph Kaimann
Presiding Commissioner

Mike Mueller
Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass
Associate Commissioner District II