

THE OCTOBER TERM HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2016

The County Commission convened at 9:05 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on October 11, 2016. Present: Dan Colbert-Presiding Commissioner, EuGene Galloway- Associate Commissioner District 1, Matt Bass-Associate Commissioner District 2, and Crystal Hall, County Clerk the following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Pastor Steve Oliver.

Highway Department: Bruce Wallace and Don Lilley

- General maintenance issues were discussed.
- Emma Epplin-Birdsell and Jay Gourley were present to discuss the issues with an entrance pipe on East Rock Springs Road. Don Lilley and Jay Gourley will meet with the landowner in an effort to resolve flooding issues. The Commission wishes to put the entrance back to the natural crossing or install a new pipe. The current pipe will be removed.
- Reviewed MODOT pricing for John Deere graders.
- Discussed installing chevron signs on Davis Road near the bridge.
- Discussed score sheets for roads for the 2017 budget.
- Wallace says he is waiting on the phone company and electric company to move utilities on Fairview Church Road to finish the project.

Leah Askey, Prosecuting Attorney

- Commissioner Bass made a motion to go into closed session to discuss legal 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.

Jerry Fox, Collector

- Presented tax affidavits from September for the Commissioners to sign.

Unfinished/New Business

- Met with Paula Gough and Kevin James from MODOT and Senator Jeanie Riddle and State Representative Randy Pietzman. Discussed proposed safety improvements on Highway 61 North. Several concerned citizens were present and voiced their displeasure for the proposed J-turns. Gough stated that J-turns are 90% effective in reducing fatalities, and that the location, Auburn Junction, is one of the highest crash locations. Gough will investigate the cost for extending acceleration and deceleration lanes instead of the J-turns to see if that option is feasible.

There being no other business before County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Crystal M. Hall
County Clerk

Daniel H. Colbert
Presiding Commissioner

EuGene Galloway
Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass
Associate Commissioner District II