

THE JANUARY TERM HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY 2014

The County Commission convened at 9:05 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on December 31, 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

- Discussed the recent repair of the freezer at the jail. The Sheriff reports the repair was covered under warranty.
- Reviewed budget considerations for the 2014 Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget.
- Cottle informed the Commission that the two Sprinter vans, which had previously been labeled unrepairable, have been fixed and he anticipates having both units back in service.
- Commissioner Bass made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Galloway second. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes to enter closed session. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Galloway made a motion to leave closed session. Commissioner Bass second. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes to leave closed session. Motion carried.

Judge Chris Mennemeyer & Leah Askey, Prosecuting Attorney

- Due to the recent decision by the Missouri Supreme Court it has been mandated that the Juvenile Office shall be represented by an attorney and shall not engage in the unauthorized practice of law. Therefore, the Juvenile Office is in need of an Attorney to represent its office in the everyday course of its business to the extent such business engages in the practice of law. Prosecuting Attorney Leah Askey has again offered to provide attorney services for the juvenile office as was provided in 2013, stating that it would create continuity of cases to keep it in the Prosecutor's office. Askey will prepare a memorandum of understanding which the Commission and Judge Mennemeyer have given verbal consent to with the following terms: \$25,000.00 of an attorney's salary will be paid by the juvenile office towards the salary of an attorney in the Prosecutor's Office. A separate memorandum will be drafted for the terms with the Pike County Commission.
- Discussed the recent award of Guardian Ad Litem services contract to Larry Nesslage. Judge Mennemeyer stated that she disputes the Commissioner's grading/scoring of the Request for qualifications. Judge Mennemeyer stated her concerns regarding Mr. Nesslage's performance. Commissioner Colbert stated that the Commission, per RFQ protocol, compiled the scores using the standards outlined in the RFQ. Commissioner Colbert stated that Mr. Nesslage has nine years of experience as the Guardian Ad Litem and received favorable reviews from other judges in the Circuit who have had dealings with Mr. Nesslage for years. The Commission acknowledged the fact that Judge Mennemeyer can appoint whomever she wishes to each case as Guardian Ad Litem, but stated that the County will only pay the attorney who has a certified contract, which in this case is Mr. Nesslage.

Unfinished/New Business

- Commissioner Colbert read aloud a petition for vacation of Old Hwy K Road in the Union township.
- The minutes from December 30th and December 31st have been reviewed. Commissioner Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Galloway second. The ayes carried the motion.

There being no other business before the County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Friday, January 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Crystal M. Hall
County Clerk

Daniel H. Colbert
Presiding Commissioner

EuGene Galloway
Associate Commissioner District I

Matt Bass
Associate Commissioner District II