

Benton County Commission

August 01, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 1, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/25/17, District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The treasurer gave his weekly financial report. The county clerk submitted monthly budget reports for each department; bills for presented for approval and payment.

MU Extension

MU Extension Community Development Specialist Michelle Kroll met with the commission and submitted a report that she has compiled concerning finance and job opportunities throughout the county in comparison to surrounding counties. She noted that over 55% of Benton County residents are over the age of 55, and most working-age residents travel to surrounding counties for job opportunities. Further data is being compiled to determine how great an impact tourism has on County sales tax revenues.

Motion/Vote - Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made a motion to accept the bid for Road District #2 for #2 red diesel from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$1.985 per gallon. Michelle McLerran Kreisler seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Other bid was received from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.12045. The county accepted the low bid price.

Commissioners Absent from Courthouse Office

Commissioners then left the Courthouse to attend a meeting with Henry County commissioners, the Henry County sheriff and jail administrator at the Henry County Sheriff's Office/Jail.

Henry County

Discussion was given to a recent proposal received from Henry County that would enable Benton County to house its prisoners in Henry County's facility for an annual fee. A tour of the jail facility was also conducted.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/8/2017. Michelle McLerran Kreisler seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Signatures


Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 08, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/1/17, District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Road Vacation - Mockingbird Hill Subdivision

Attorney Jeremiah Mosley met with the commission concerning a petition to vacate a ten feet wide strip off of the northerly side of Lots 6 and 15, dedicated for a roadway to the community well in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision. Landowners Joyce Sims, Jenny Talley, William Talley, Rena Konopasek, Fred Johnson, and Chris Jones were also present. One landowner spoke to commissioners opposing this vacation, stating that this area is necessary to negotiate a corner; the landowner requesting the vacation indicated that maintenance of this area has been her sole responsibility. Commissioners will visit this property before a final decision is reached.

E-911

E-911 Director Susan Canfield, Project Manager Mark Grenoble, and Dispatcher Kim Eledge met with commissioners to discuss an incident that occurred at the board meeting held on August 2, 2017.

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler

Rachel Gilroy, field representative with Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, met with commissioners to obtain information pertaining to 2015 flood damage and reimbursement from FEMA that is still pending.

Procom

Procom representative, Jim McNaron, met with the commission to present information on a Federal Communications Commission license that was issued in 2014 that is no longer in use; he was instructed by commissioners to cancel this license agreement.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The treasurer gave his weekly financial report; the county clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

County Recorder

County Recorder Beverly Burnett met with the commission to inform them of the civil court summons that she has received. She indicated that a suit has been filed against her and the Circuit Clerk by 3 residents of the former Benton County Sewer District, citing that the liens that were filed on their property on behalf of the Benton County Sewer District was unlawful. Legal counsel was contacted for information; Mrs. Burnett will continue to correspond with the attorney in this matter.

Polk Street

A taxpayer met with commissioners to express concerns on the condition of Polk Street.

Architect RFQ's

Commissioners discussed the special meeting of the Jail Planning Committee that was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 6 p.m., at the Warsaw-Lincoln Ambulance building in Warsaw. The purpose of this meeting was to interview prospective architect firms for the construction of a new jail. Three firms submitted qualification information and were interviewed at that time. These firms were Goldberg Group, LLC; Shive-Hattery, Inc.; and HMN Architects. Various contacts were made by commissioners in open session today, in order to reach a decision. Discussion will continue in this matter.

Commissioners Absent from Courthouse Office

Commissioners then left the Courthouse office to view the proposed road vacation area in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/10/2017. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Signatures



Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 10, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/8/17, District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Fuel Bid

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes made a motion to accept the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for Road District #1 for red diesel fuel at a cost of \$1.97 per gallon. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Other bid was received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$1.978 per gallon. The county accepted the low bid price.

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Karen Woodley met with the commission to discuss renovations at the Hawthorn Bank building that will be necessary for her office to relocate to that facility.

Budget Discussion

Commissioners discussed certain funds and budget line items, with questions arising concerning officials' discretionary spending. The Missouri State Auditor's Office was called for some clarification, and information was received via email for reference. Commissioners will continue to monitor each department's expenses, to stay within budget guidelines.

Jail RFQ's

Commissioners reviewed jail RFQ's that were received. Three firms submitted information, and interviews were conducted on Thursday, August 3, 2017. Contacts were made today with various entities who have utilized the services of these companies; further discussion will continue in this matter.

Sheriff

Sheriff Eric Knox met with the commission to discuss budget expenses. Commissioner Hansen expressed concerns with expenditures out of the Sheriff's Civil Fund for expenses related to interdepartmental rewards and public relations. While it is recognized that these expenses are from the sheriff's discretionary fund and that our deputies deserve our thanks and gratitude especially considering recent events, there is concern about these expenses. Documentation has been received from the State Auditor's Office concerning purchases of this nature sited in other counties, noting that this is not the best use of taxpayer dollars. Sheriff Knox stated that this money is not taxpayer dollars and indicated that he does not intend to change this practice and feels that he is well within the guidelines of the law. Commissioners will continue to monitor budget expenses in order to maintain a balanced budget. The sheriff plans to provide documentation that shows justification of these expenses.

Road Vacation - Mockingbird Hill Subdivision

Discussion was given to the proposed vacation of a road located in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision. Further discussion will continue on Tuesday.

Road Conditions

Commissioners discussed conditions of roads throughout the county, noting that several roads sustained damage due to heavy rainfall during the weekend.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/15/2017. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Signatures



Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 15, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/8/17, District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The treasurer gave his weekly financial report; the county clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Jeff Canfield

Chief Deputy Jeff Canfield met with the commission to discuss ongoing renovations at the Hawthorn Bank building.

Mockingbird Hill Subdivision

Discussion was given to the request to vacate a 10' strip off of the northerly side of Lots 6 and 15, dedicated for a roadway to the community well in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision. Further advice has been sought from legal counsel, and discussion will continue in this matter.

Hawthorn Bank

Hawthorn Bank representative Chuck Allcorn met with the commission to discuss the progress of renovations at the Hawthorn Bank building. Deputies are in the process of moving equipment to the second floor of the facility.

Jail Architects

Commissioners continued to discuss qualifications for architect firms for a jail facility. Contact was made with other counties and agencies who have utilized the companies that have applied. Commissioners realize that this is a decision that cannot be made lightly and will reach a decision as soon as possible.

Missouri Farmers Care

Commissioners were presented a plaque on behalf of Missouri Farmers Care by its representative, Ashley McCarty, to designate Benton County as an active supporter of agricultural enterprise, and recognize farming and agriculture as an integral part of Benton County and its residents. Others in attendance were Stan Adler, Warsaw High School FFA instructor; Brad Crouch, Benton County Cattlemen Association; Marvin Dieckman, Missouri and Benton County Cattlemen Associations; Farm Bureau representatives Becky Tucker, Rodney Johnson, Kevin Ficken, and John Crawford; State Representative Warren D. Love; and Senator-Elect Sandy Crawford.

Motion/Vote - Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made a motion to renew membership in the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission for a period of one year. Michelle McLerran Kreisler seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Annual cost of membership is \$2,604.16.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/17/2017. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Signatures


Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 17, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 17, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/15/17, District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Sky Village Road

Dale Harper met with the commission to discuss the condition of Sky Village Road.

Henry County Prisoner Board Agreement

Commissioners discussed the agreement with Henry County for prisoner board, which will raise board costs from \$35 to \$40 per day per inmate. Commissioners have discussed this increase with Henry County commissioners, who indicated that costs to board prisoners continue to rise; therefore, this increase is passed on to others as well. Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler signed the agreement as specified, and Sheriff Knox is also required to sign this agreement.

Jail Architects

Further contacts were made, reaching out to entities to obtain information on architectural firms for a jail facility. The commissioners are awaiting response from these contacts.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/22/2017. Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Signatures


Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 22, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/17/17. District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Benton County Tourism

Benton County Tourism and Recreation Executive Director, Lynette Stokes, met with the commission to give an update on upcoming events and efforts to promote tourism throughout Benton County.

Shafer, Kline & Warren

Shafer, Kline & Warren representative Gary Strack met with commissioners to discuss preliminary plans of bridge repair/replacement on Fort Lyon Avenue.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The treasurer gave his weekly financial report; the county clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Howe Company

Howe Company representative Jon Dwiggins met with the commission to introduce his company and to present information on engineering services that they provide.

Jail Architects

Commissioners continued to make contact with agencies to obtain references for architectural firms for a jail facility.

Mockingbird Hill Subdivision

A telephone conference call was conducted with legal counsel to discuss a request for a road vacation in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision. Further communication will be received from the attorney as to whether the commission has any jurisdiction in this matter.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/24/2017. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Signatures



Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 24, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 24, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/22/17. Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Karen Woodley met with the commission to discuss ongoing renovations for her office at the Hawthorn Bank building.

Sheriff

Sheriff Eric Knox met with commissioners to again discuss expenses related to interdepartmental rewards. Sheriff Knox stated that he has investigated the audit reports as submitted to him from the commission, and feels that, due to differing court opinions on the issue and the risk of auditor interpretation, he will discontinue this practice. Discussion was also given to the current status of the jail project and the investigation of architect firms under consideration in that project.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/29/2017. Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Signatures


Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 29, 2017

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Michelle McLerran Kreisler called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2017 at the Board Room. Attendance: Dale Jr. Estes, Present: Jim Hansen, Present: Michelle McLerran Kreisler, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/24/17, District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), and Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes).

Motion/Vote - Fuel Bid

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes made a motion to accept the bid for Road District #1 from Zollicker Oil Company for unleaded gasoline at a cost of \$1.865 per gallon. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Other bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.00 per gallon. The county accepted the low bid price.

Motion/Vote - Fuel Bid

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes made a motion to accept the bid from Zollicker Oil Company for Road District #1 for red diesel fuel at a cost of \$1.963 per gallon. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Other bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.00 per gallon. The county accepted the low bid price.

Motion/Vote - 2017 Tax Rate Hearing

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 tax rates. Michelle McLerran Kreisler seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). The tax rates will be \$.1350 for General Revenue, and \$.2074 for Road and Bridge, per \$100 assessed valuation.

Hawthorn Bank

Hawthorn Bank representative Chuck Allcorn met with commissioners and indicated that renovations of office space will be completed by Thursday, September 1, 2017. Relocation of the prosecuting attorney's office to the Hawthorn Bank facility could begin after the Labor Day Holiday.

Pitney Bowes

Pitney Bowes representative Michael Reinagel met with commissioners to discuss postage equipment. The county clerk indicated that the equipment lease currently in place will expire at the end of this year. Mr. Reinagel presented information on features and costs of equipment. Further discussion will be held in this matter, to reach a final decision.

County Clerk Report

The county clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Mockingbird Hill Subdivision

A telephone conference call was conducted with legal counsel concerning the road vacation in Mockingbird Hill Subdivision. The attorney will contact commissioners when his findings are completed.

Motion/Vote - Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Jim Hansen made a motion to accept the bid from Warsaw Oil Company for Road District #2 for red diesel fuel at a cost of \$1.98 per gallon. Dale Jr. Estes seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). This was the only bid received.

Jail Architects

Commissioners made further contact with entities who have utilized the firms that submitted RFQs for a jail facility. A decision will be reached soon concerning this matter.

Chief Deputy

Chief Deputy Jeff Canfield met with commission to discuss the need for additional electrical connections at the Hawthorn Bank facility. Contact will be made with an electrician for this work.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Dale Jr. Estes Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/5/2017. Jim Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Dale Jr. Estes (Yes), Jim Hansen (Yes), Michelle McLerran Kreisler (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Signatures


Michelle McLerran Kreisler
Presiding Commissioner