

**MINUTES OF THE CITY/COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, and the Taney County Commission met for their quarterly meeting at Golden Corral in Branson, Missouri at 12:00 noon with the following present:

In attendance were: Mayor Lou Schaefer, Aldermen Dick Gass, Ron Huff, Bob Warlick, Larry Taylor, and Eric Farris; Taney County Commissioners Joe Chowning, Don Swan, Ron Herschend, newly elected Chuck Pennel, and Administrative Assistant Tressa Luttrell; City Administrator Terry Dody, Assistant City Administrator Kevin Faught, City Attorney Deborah Deuster, City Clerk Sandra Williams, Communications Director Jerry Adams, Finance Director Deanna Schlegel, Economic Development Director Mike Rankin, City Engineer David Miller, Public Works Director Larry VanGilder, and Planning Director Don Stephens. Absent was Alderman Stan Barker.

Administrator Terry Dody called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and gave a brief outline of what topics were to be discussed. Mr. Dody then turned the floor over to Public Works Director Larry VanGilder.

Mr. VanGilder discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Drive that was to be held on November 2, 2002. This project was funded in the past by a grant but now the cities and county have gotten together to provide it. Each entity provide workers to assist in the Drive, indicated Mr. VanGilder.

Mr. VanGilder updated everyone on the Recycling Center stating it is becoming a regional center, and the City was presently taking bids on a glass crusher that will be paid for through a grant.

Administrator Dody then provided the Commissioners with an update on the status of the waterfront. Mr. Dody stated the Board of Aldermen has made a motion to select HCW Development Company of Branson as the primary developer for the waterfront and the convention center project. Mr. Dody also informed the Commissioners that members of the Board met with the Missouri Department of Economic Development in Jefferson City, and there is an informational meeting scheduled for September 26, 2002 at 1:30 p.m at City Hall with a question and answer period. The City will focus next on contracting with Convention Sports & Leisure International (CS&L) to conduct a study of the Branson Hills site and has begun negotiations with HCW on a development contract.

Presiding Commissioner Joe Chowning and Commissioner Don Swan asked to be brought up-to-date as to what was expected of the County as they have a budget coming up, and if the City is expecting things from the County they need to know. After a lengthy discussion incurred on how the Commissioners

could be kept informed on the project and how their participation would be needed, the County agreed to spend funds to help finance the study.

The next item for discussion was Highway 248. Mr. Dody inquired what the County was thinking in regards to the funding of Hwy. 248. Presiding Commissioner Chowning indicated that some funds might be available but not unless it would be because of new economic development in that area or for Buchanan Road.

At this time, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.