

October 8, 2004 Friday 9:00 am

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with all commissioners and the county clerk present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Don Russell met with commissioners to discuss a proposed county tax abatement for Liberty Labels, Limited, a printing company out of Kansas City, Missouri, that recently purchased the John Deere building. A hearing and analysis will be made to see if the company, which hopes to have 20 employees, will qualify for the abatement.

Jason Silvers, reporter with the *Fort Scott Tribune*, was present.

Mr. Russell also discussed with the commissioners a situation of overflow from the Industrial Park into a pond owned by Bob Hill. In a gesture of being a "Good Neighbor", Bourbon County Economic Development Council (BEDCO) would like the County and City to pay for a replacement tube at the dam and BEDCO will pay to have the tube installed. The required size is 72' of 36" tube. After confirming with Clyde Killion that the County has said tube, the commissioners approved the request. The County will bill the City of Fort Scott for one-half the price of the tube and bands.

Don Russell also commented on how appreciative the City was for Clyde's and the County road men's assistance on the Flood Mitigation Program.

Clyde Killion gave a road report.

Dona Bauer and Judy Orton met with commissioners to request that the Commission proclaim the week of October 10 through October 16 as "National FCE Week" in Fort Scott and Bourbon County. Mrs. Bauer went over some of the volunteer efforts the FCE group assists with each year and thanked the commissioners for the County's support of the Extension Office, which handles FCE. Commissioners signed the proclamation.

Commissioners discussed the price of fuel in conjunction with asphaltting projects.

David Neville presented commissioners with three quotes for turning the east courthouse walk into a ramp. They were: