

December 28, 2010 – 10:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton County Courthouse

The Newton County Drainage Board met in emergency session on December 28, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Room at the Newton County Courthouse. Present were Board Members Chr. Russell Collins, James Pistello and Roxanna Hanford; Surveyor Chris Knochel; Secretary Debra Honn.

Trees – Barton Ditch Estimate - Chris reported that Josh DeYoung is working on the second phase of the Barton Tile. There were some trees that went down from the first phase. Josh gave Chris an estimate in the amount of \$2,700.00 to clear and burn the trees. Chris reported that Phase I is already completed and paid. The trees went down in a bad wind storm and since we had dipped the ditch we may have inadvertently caused this. Chris suggested that we clear the trees before other trees fall. Jim made a motion to accept the bid from Josh. Roxanna made the second motion.

Kent - Morrison Contract - Roxanna signed the Kent-Morrison contract as she had been ill during the signing at the last meeting.

HEC Contract Extension – Russ suggested that we wait on this issue. Roxanna asked what the amounts were. Roxanna said if Chris knows when it was granted, go back to the minutes to see if perhaps because Heyde Engineering had so many ditches they were working on at the time, perhaps the board had approved **up to \$100,000**. She said unless we have something to encumber, we are going to have to let the money go.

Jim asked Chris about the letter regarding the **Wiseman drain** and if we are cleaning the ditch to the RR Ditch. Chris said that we are creating a mile of a regulated drain when it is a private drain. Jim stated it is a quick, permanent fix and asked how many feet of fall. Chris said the letter was sent and the railroad was given 30 days to respond. The conversation ensued until Russ stated that the discussion be discontinued until the next meeting.

Russ made a motion to adjourn. Roxanna made the second motion. Motion carried.