

## **October 24, 2016 Minutes – Combs Property**

County Manager Sam Yearick told the Board that the County conducted a property cleanup of the RJ Combs property during October 2011. Florence and Gabe Miller contacted the county manager regarding a judgment the County has on the property. Florence Miller inherited the property from RJ Combs. The judgment is \$22,906.53 for the costs associated with clean up of the property. In addition, there is \$10,471.34 in delinquent taxes on this property and two surrounding properties. The county manager proposed that the Millers pay the delinquent taxes on all three properties, and clean up the RJ Combs property and the Billy Hall property in negotiation of forgiving the lien. Commissioner Richardson stated his belief that this would be in the best interest of the County. Vice Chairman Roark suggested that the County forgive the \$22,906.53 lien for clean up of the RJ Combs property if the Millers pay the remaining delinquent taxes, clean up the property, and keep the property clean for a period of 10 years. Florence Miller addressed the Board asking the Board to consider working with them. Commissioner Rhodes would like to hear from the county attorney before a vote is taken regarding the suit filed by the Combs in 2014 against the County to see if that would affect the decision made today. Gabe Miller answered that Tommy Combs name will be taken off the property and it will be in his mother's name, Florence Miller. He agreed to clean up the property that is going to his mother. Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to forgive the \$22,906.53 lien the County has on the property in return for the Millers to pay all delinquent taxes, for the Millers to keep the property clean for 10 years, for the Millers to have the property cleaned up by July 15, 2017, and for the Millers to keep the property taxes paid on time for 10 years. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 - 2, with Commissioners Rhodes and Sands voting in opposition stating that they are in favor of the action, but they want the county attorney to review the Combs lawsuit against the County before a vote is taken.