The Marshall County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Fiscal Courtroom, Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky. All duly elected Commissioners: Bob Gold, Terry Anderson, and Misti Drew; Assistant County Attorney Jason Darnall, and County Attorney Jeff Edwards were present. Mike Miller, County Judge/Executive presided.

Judge Miller called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose for the meeting was to officially hire Animal Control Officers.

A motion was made by Com. Gold and seconded by Com. Drew to employ Mike Green and Dennis Lovett as Animal Control Officers, retroactive to February 1, 2013. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Judge Miller asked that the Court consider hiring another Animal Control Officer so that there would be two officers on each call, giving one officer some time off. He informed that he has spoken with Dan Nanney, not to act in a supervisory position, but to assist the two Animal Control Officers as needed. Discussion was held about the need for and the cost of hiring another Animal Control Officer. No formal action was taken, but the Court members concurred that another person may be needed in the future, but not at this time.

Wendy Baxter has ordered training videos from the Department of Agriculture, which should be arriving within the week. Discussion was held about the officers attending training sessions, which are offered in different areas of the country but no formal action was taken at this time. Ms. Baxter added that there are scholarships available (one per class) to assist in paying for the training sessions and she would apply when a decision is made on which trainings they will be attending.

Sheriff Byars informed that his department has a truck that can be transferred for use by the Animal Control Officers when a new vehicle is purchased to replace it. A motion was made by Com. Drew and seconded by Com. Anderson to accept the transfer of the truck, when it is available. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about working with the City of Benton, City of Calvert City, and the City of Hardin on a joint Animal Control Ordinance. County Attorney Jeff Edwards informed that he received a letter from Martin Johnson, Attorney for the City of Benton, requesting that the respective attorneys meet to work on a joint ordinance.

Com. Gold asked if Mr. Green & Mr. Lovett could use gas from the Refuse Department, which would be reimbursed by the county. Judge Miller will contact the Refuse Board to make the arrangements.
A motion was made by Com. Anderson and seconded by Com. Gold to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melonie Chambers
Fiscal Court Clerk