

ATRAC MINUTES

A meeting of the ATRAC group met on December 5, 2003 at 10:30 am at the AAC building. Those present were as follows: Jim Arnold, President-Searcy Co., Sandra Beck, Vice President - Monroe Co., Tina Roscoe and Vonysha Goodwin-Jefferson Co., Marlene Hite and Carrie Woodall - Woodruff Co., Sylvia Engles - IZARD Co., Charlotte Davis & Mickey Oates-Logan Co., Lavelle McGary - Cleburne Co., Gail Lutrell - Pope Co., Lonene Edwards - Poinsett Co., and Tim Stuckey - Grant Co. Kent Wilson and Randy Lamp from AIS were also in present.

President Jim Arnold welcomed everyone and introduced Brenda Pruitt from AAC to give us a legislative update. Brenda stated that the Governor issued an official legislative call Monday between both the House and Senate regarding the education issue. She stated that Jeff and Mark have been snooping around regarding the revenue portion of the education bill. She said that the Sales Tax base should be expanded so counties could benefit from this revenue. If the state increased just a state sales tax of 1%, this would not benefit counties. She encouraged everyone to call their legislators and have them vote to expand the tax base. She stated that the AAC sent a memo to all County Judge's regarding their county's financial situation and what type of implementation they have put into place (i.e., hiring freezes, 4 day work weeks, layoffs, etc.)

Sylvia Engles asked if there was legislation regarding the collection firm from Texas? Brenda Pruitt stated that she had not actually seen the legislation but the collection agency was supposed to be a source of revenue for the state. Sylvia asked if the legislation was passed, would this be mandatory? Brenda said that the bill would be filed Monday and again replied that she had not seen the wording. Randy Lamp stated that if passed, it would not be a choice for the collector's office, that it would have to be approved by the County Judge and Quorum Court of the county.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes or Treasurer's report for the previous meeting, Lavelle McGary made a motion to approve which was seconded by Charlotte Davis.

Jim introduced Randy Lamp with AIS. Randy stated that he had brought packets for the counties that were members of AIS that contained a Maintenance Cost Proration. The documents explained highlights from the October 16th called meeting, the amounts for Software Maintenance with Software Assurance, percentage of 3 year average of treasurers commission plus hardware maintenance charges. Randy also attached spreadsheets that identified ranking and distribution based on the suggested prorated calculations. Gail Lutrell asked if this amount included a purchase price. Randy stated that this was strictly maintenance and software assurance. The purchase of the system would be added into this total. Gail asked when the software would be in effect. Randy stated that the system software would not be completed by the end of 2004. He also stated that this price would be effective January 1, 2004. He also said that he would put in writing that there would not be a price increase for the next five (5) years. Lavelle McGary asked if the price may possibly go down after that time. He advised not to go into the agreement thinking that it would. He said he was looking to build a Wal-Mart not a K-Mart. He was looking to build something great that would last. Jim said some counties had very small prorations, but without these calculations the whole program could have gone down the tubes. Randy stated that another solution could be that a larger county could absorb the costs and let the smaller counties have the upgrades free. He really did not see or hear another proposal that would be more fair than the one he prepared for us today. Gail and Jim asked what other alternatives do we have? Randy stated that we could go back to the original proposal or go with what we have now and let the program eventually diminish. Lavelle McGary stated that her 2004 budget had been approved and it did not include this amount, so what should she do? Randy stated that she could pay as much as she could this year and include the difference in the 2005 budget or if she could get supplemental monies, she could pay then. He would be willing to do this for any county. Gail Lutrell made a motion to approve the plan for the stability of the program that was seconded by Charlotte Davis. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Sandra Beck stated that she would like to commend Gail for making the motion. She said she

knew Gail's county was one that would be paying a larger increase, but without this proposal, her county would not have been able to keep the program.

Jim introduced Kent Wilson with AIS. Kent said that the 2004 program was not yet finalized, but there would be three (3) things that needed to be done.

- First-Create a separate directory for the 2004 program.
- Second-Close out the 2003 program and roll over the closing balances to 2004.
- Third-Transfer the outstanding checks. He said that the most current updates were on the bank and transfer ledger reports.

You can now print multiple copies, printers 1-9 and copy files to a disk. Kent stated that you can now search for a transfer by an amount and could also print on the transfer ledger just by tax transfers, regular or both. He also stated that on the revenue report, commission was not showing and this has been corrected. Everyone thanked Kent for his hard work.

Randy said he would send a letter to all users that could be used to present to their Quorum Courts regarding the new costs.

In other business, Jim asked for an update from the nominating committee regarding the upcoming year. Gail Lutrell stated that they asked Sandra Beck to preside as president, but she had respectfully declined. She also stated they asked for more nominations for the openings, but as of yet, none had been received. Sylvia Engles said she would preside as president if no one else volunteered. Gail said that she would contact Liz Rinchuso regarding the Vice President position.

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 19th, 2004 at 10:30 am at the AAC Building.

Carrie Woodall won the \$10.00 door prize.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Rinchuso, ATRAC Sec/Treas