

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the February Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Ashland Senior Center, Ashland, Missouri

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The County Commission called the Public Nuisance Ordinance hearing to order at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Stamper opened the public hearing on the Nuisance Ordinance. He detailed the ordinance's history, saying that a draft of a public nuisance ordinance had been drafted in the 1990s and Farm Bureau had had concerns regarding how that ordinance might negatively agriculture in Boone County. The Commission later abandoned the drafted ordinance. The Board of Health, however, continued to study the issue and developed a draft they felt was less intrusive and forwarded it to Farm Bureau and from there it went back to the Commission to be brought out in a public hearing format.

Arthur Copeland, 3800 E. Christian School Road, Hartsburg, stated that he was not familiar with the ordinance and asked for some more information.

Commissioner Miller responded that the ordinance applies to subdivisions of 25 homes or more and deals with issues concerning trash and weeds. The ordinance is complaint driven only and gives the Commission a method of dealing with chronic trash and weed problems. The Boone County Health Department would investigate the complaints and identify if it was a nuisance and from there a solution would be worked out with the property owner. If the issue could not be brought to a resolution, the matter would then be directed to the County Prosecutor's office for enforcement.

Steve Jeffrey, 4825 Bullard Rd., Ashland, questioned section 5.4 that states certain property owners are excluded from the ordinance. His concern was the possibility of modifying that section without a vote of the people.

Commissioner Stamper replied that the ordinance could be modified without a vote of the people, but if the ordinance were adopted it would require another hearing process to modify it.

Tim Travis, Hartsburg, questioned the ability of a neighborhood to petition as a subdivision by obtaining 75% of the signatures of the residents in a neighborhood.

Commissioner Stamper said the provision allowed a neighborhood of 25 homes or less to take advantage of the ordinance, if they so chose.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner