

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the August Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

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

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Tax Rate Hearing

County Clerk Wendy Noren presented the 1997 tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. She explained that the based on reassessment rollback formulas, general revenue could have been set at .14 cents, but County Auditor June Pitchford had budgeted .12 cents, setting general revenue at two cents less than what is required by the rollback. The common road and bridge has been kept at .05 cents, as promised by the Commissioners when the half cent sales tax was passed by the voters. Group homes is set at .11 cents and the Centralia special road district was originally set at .26 cents, but Ms. Noren said she had received a letter from them asking for a voluntary four cent rollback, establishing the tax at .22 cents. The balance of the tax rates are based on reports from the various political subdivisions.

Commissioner Stamper convened a public hearing.

Carroll Bryson, representing the Centralia Special Road District, explained that the .26 cent levy, approved by voters in March, had been set too high. It was difficult to establish a figure, he said, because the reassessment notices were not received in Centralia until June 20th. The figures are still changing, said Mr. Bryson, because the outcome could change until the Board of Equalization meetings end in October. Mr. Bryson said he had spoken to the Assessor Tom Schauwecker who felt that the road district was not on dangerous ground because personal property valuations would rise enough to offset the decline in real estate. Mr. Bryson felt that the .22 cent levy would leave the district with substantially the same amount they received in 1996.

Ms. Noren said that she had rechecked the figures and noted a net decrease of one half of one percent. In talking to Mr. Schauwecker, she said, the bulk of the BOE changes have already been done. This situation is unique, she said, because most jurisdictions do not have a sunset and there is a provision in the law that allows those districts to recoup dollar amounts they may have lost. AS a one year levy, the Centralia Central Road District can't take advantage of that recoupment rate in the rollback formulas.

Commissioner Stamper closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the County was not utilizing the maximum tax allowable for general revenue or road and bridge, representing a two to three cents savings on general revenue and a lot of money on road and bridge. Part of the agreement with the voters, he said, in exchange for the sales tax, the County does not take every ounce of sales tax available.

Ms. Noren said that Boone County has underlevied on general revenue by close to nine million dollars over the last ten years. On the voluntary rollbacks, she said, we try to do only what we need to maintain what we've budgeted.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone set the 1997 tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation as follows:

County of Boone		Total \$.28
General Revenue	\$.12	
Common Road and Bridge	\$.05	
Group Homes	\$.11	
Centralia Special Road District		\$.22
County-wide Surtax on Subclass III Property		\$.61

Now be it further ordered that the County Commission, having received reports from the various political subdivisions, so sets their tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation as instructed for the year 1997:

State of Missouri		\$.03
Boone County Library District		\$.23
Special Business District		\$.43
Boone County Fire Protection District	Total	\$.88
General Revenue	\$.60	
Dispatch Fund	\$.03	
Fire Bond	\$.25	
City of Columbia	Total	\$.41
General Revenue	\$.20	
Debt Service	\$.21	
Columbia Regional Library	Total	\$.28
General Revenue	\$.23	
Building Fund	\$.05	
City of Ashland	Total	\$.57
General Revenue	\$.30	
Debt Service	\$.27	
City of Centralia	Total	\$1.32
General Revenue	\$.63	
Parks & Recreation	\$.29	
Library	\$.30	
Library Bond	\$.10	
City of Hallsville	Total	\$.96
General Revenue	\$.67	
Debt Service	\$.29	
Town of Harrisburg	General Revenue	\$.32
Village of Hartsburg	General Revenue	\$.40
City of Sturgeon	General Revenue	\$.39
City of Rocheport	General Revenue	\$.27
Columbia Public Schools	Total	\$4.12
Incidental Fund	\$1.05	
Teachers Fund	\$2.34	
Debt Service	\$.73	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Southern Boone County R-I Schools	Total	\$3.98
Incidental Fund	\$2.57	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.83	
Capital Projects	\$.58	
Hallsville R-IV Schools	Total	\$4.38
Incidental Fund	\$1.75	
Teachers Fund	\$.91	
Debt Service	\$.75	
Capital Projects	\$.97	
Sturgeon R-V Schools	Total	\$3.75
Incidental Fund	\$2.90	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.85	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Centralia R-VI Schools	Total	\$3.22
Incidental Fund	\$2.75	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.47	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Harrisburg R-VIII Schools	Total	\$3.80
Incidental Fund	\$ 3.11	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	

Debt Service	\$.69	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
New Franklin R-I Schools		Total \$3.62
Incidental Fund	\$3.15	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.35	
Capital Projects	\$.12	
Fayette R-III Schools		Total \$2.99
Incidental Fund	\$2.75	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.24	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
North Callaway R-I Schools		Total \$3.24
Incidental Fund	\$1.66	
Teachers Fund	\$1.09	
Debt Service	\$.49	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Southern Bo. Co. Fire Protect. District		Total \$.44
General Revenue	\$.22	
Dispatch	\$.03	
Debt Service	\$.19	
Callahan Watershed Subdistrict		\$.10

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 401-97.**

Ms. Noren said that she had not received a copy of the certified rate on the tax rate ceiling for the Hallsville School District from the State Auditor’s office. Because of that, she said, she may have to return to the Commission with an amended sheet.

SUBJECT: 1997/98 VOCA Funding Acceptance

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Victim’s of Crime Awareness grant for funds amounting \$39,617 from the Department of Public Safety for salary and benefits for Elizabeth Wilson, Crime Victim Counselor and for two computer printers for the Victim Response Team. No cash match is required.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 402-97.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 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