

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper  
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt  
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:30pm.

**Subject: Budget Revision for Human Resources**

Mark Stone stated that assistance with moving expenses was part of the compensation package for the new Information Technology Director. He stated that the County had agreed to provide 5% of the salary or moving expenses for the person the person filling that position. He stated that Bob Ormiston, Information Technology Director agreed to the amount of \$3,044.

Mark Stone requested that a budget revision be made of \$3,045 to cover the expenditure.

Commissioner Vogt moved to authorize a Budget Revision as follows:

AMOUNT	(from) ACCOUNT	(to) ACCOUNT
\$3,045	1123-86800 Emergency	1115-85700 Human Resources: Recruitment/Relocation Expense

Said revision is to cover the moving/relocation expenses for Information Technology Director Bob Ormiston.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 217-99**

Mark Stone reminded the County Commission that he would be on vacation next week.

**Subject: Traffic Engineering Services Agreement with Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw**

Frank Abart stated that this was an agreement to provide evaluation on County roads that would be receiving pavement and/or overlays. He stated that T H & H would be looking for things that would need to be done in the way of pavement marking, signs, and any obstruction that would need to be removed or corrected. He stated that the contract fee was \$8900 for 11.01 miles of roadway to be reviewed.

Commissioner Vogt asked if this agreement was to determine sign locations.

Frank Abart stated that this was for sign locations and to establish site distances so that pavement markings (and location of markings) can be determined. He stated that a separate contract would be made for the actual pavement markings.

Commissioner Vogt moved to approve an Agreement between Boone County and Trabue, Hansen, & Hinshaw for Traffic Engineering Services on the following roads: Roger I. Wilson Blvd, County Dr, Old No. 7, Ricketts Lane, Wyatt Lane, Clellie Harmon/Crump Lane, Grocery Branch/Burr Oak, and Sinclair Rd in the contract amount of \$8900. And further authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 218-99**

**Subject:        Legislation for Drug Court Commissioner and an additional Associate  
                  Circuit Judge**

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commissioners had not received any documentation on this agenda item.

Bob Perry stated that the documentation for the Associate Circuit Judge was a provision of Senate Bill No. 1. He stated that legislation had been discussed involving a bill that Representative Smith had introduced that would add another Associate Circuit Judge to any County having a population over 100,000. He stated that the previous statute provided for two, Associate Circuit Judges and Representative Smith amended the statute to provide for three, Associate Circuit Judges.

Bob Perry stated that this particular bill (to increase the number of judges) was not going anyplace, therefore the provision was added to Senate Bill No.1, very late in the session. He stated that if the governor signs Senate Bill No. 1, then Boone County would receive the additional Associate Circuit Judgeship effective the end of August 1999.

Commissioner Stamper asked if this position would be a gubernatorial appointment.

Bob Perry stated that it would be. He stated that then during the next election, a person would be elected to this position.

Bob Perry stated that there was legislation passed a year ago that established the Drug Court Commissioner position. He stated that this year, the governor recommended that the Drug Court Commissioner position be budgeted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and two additional, Commissioner positions in the State [also be budgeted for]. He stated that the appointment for these position would be by the Court en banc.

Commissioner Stamper asked when these positions would be effective.

Bob Perry stated that they would be effective July [1999].

Commissioner Stamper asked if there was an interim plan for the office space for these positions.

Bob Perry stated that as of today, he did not have a plan. He stated that they were looking at various options. He stated that there would also be some office equipment requirements. He stated that with the State picking up quite a few of the expenses that had been anticipated for this year, there could be money in the budget to cover those kinds (office space) expenses. He stated that the actual, office space would be a big challenge.

Commissioner Stamper proposed that the Commission meet with the Circuit Court and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to look at space needs in order to develop a long-term and short-term strategy. He stated that the Commission had been looking into acquiring some architectural advisory support for a space study in the Government Center and the Courthouse.

Bob Perry stated that he wanted to present the information on the above named positions to the Commission.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the Drug Court Commissioner position would always be filled by appointment.

Bob Perry stated that unless the law was changed on this [it would]. He stated there was a bill introduced this past year that the Governor supported that would change the way this position is filled. He stated that the bill would have changed all of the Commissioner positions to Associate Circuit Judges and have those positions filled by election or be appointed (depending on jurisdiction or state).

Commissioner Stamper asked if County Auditor June Pitchford had been briefed on this subject.

Bob Perry stated that she had not been.

Commissioner Stamper asked if Bob Perry speculated that these positions would have any budgetary impacts.

Bob Perry stated that he did not know at this time.

Commissioner Stamper asked when Mr. Perry would find out.

Bob Perry stated that he did not think that these positions would cost more than the amount that his department already had available. He stated that he was scheduled to meet with June Pitchford on some other issues next week so therefore he would discuss these items with her.

**Subject: Central Fines Collection Center for Traffic Cases**

Bob Perry stated that the State legislature (in a past session) established a Central Fines Collection Center for the State of MO for traffic cases. He stated that the State had selected Boone County and Callaway County as pilot sites due to Highway Patrol Troop F (which is located in Jefferson City). He stated at this time if one were to get a ticket on I-70, the fine for that offense could be different in Boone County, St Charles County or Jackson. He stated that the Central Fines Collection Center (once established statewide) would make these types of offenses the same all across the State of MO. He stated that payment for these fines would be mailed to the central location in Jefferson City.

Bob Perry stated that Boone County indicated willingness to participate as a pilot site, however it was discovered that an error had occurred in the initial legislation in that the \$13--that was supposed to flow to the counties to help cover costs--had been omitted. He stated that this error was corrected in the past legislative session. He stated that the correction would go into effect on August 28, 1999. He stated that the legislature had already appropriated the money to establish the center. Therefore the Office of the State Court Administrator asked the counties to calculate how many cases would be handled during that July-August (28) period so that the State could advance payment for those cases (in order to get the program started).

Bob Perry stated that they had calculated what those costs would be based on the immediate, past 15 months of experience. He stated that he wanted to inform the Commission of this. He stated that he had also spoken to County Treasurer Kay Murray to inform her that the State would be issuing one check to cover that period of time. He stated that Boone County would still receive the same amount that it would have during that two-month period. He stated that on August 28<sup>th</sup> the problem would be corrected, and the money would flow as it had in the past.

Commissioner Vogt stated that since the check would be based on an estimate from a historical amount, it could be for an amount that was either too much or too little.

Bob Perry stated that they had anticipated an increase to allow for this possibility. He stated that he believed that if the amount was not right, a document could be sent to the State to correct the amount that Boone County should receive. He stated that if the amount of the check was greater than what it should have been, Boone County would not be faced with reimbursement (due to the extra effort involved in being a pilot site).

**Subject: Increase in Juror Per Diem**

Bob Perry stated that the payment by the State (to jurors) had been six dollars a day. He stated that the Boone County Commission and the Callaway County Commission were receptive to paying an additional nine dollars a day to those that were actually selected to sit on the jury. He stated that the State has said that the County shall receive an additional six dollars a day to be reimbursed by the State of MO so that the total compensation payable shall be at least \$18 a day.

He stated that this only applied to those counties that were willing to offer additional payment. He stated that in Boone County's situation, it is paying fifteen dollars, so therefore the State now pays twelve dollars. He stated that if Boone County continued to pay the (additional) nine dollars, then jurors in Boone County would receive \$21 dollars a day. He stated that this would not cost the County any additional money.

Bob Perry stated that another option would be to reduce the additional payment from nine dollars to six dollars, and the jurors would then receive \$18 dollars a day. He stated that this would not be in effect until August 28.

Commissioner Vogt asked if Boone County was budgeted to change its appropriation.

Bob Perry stated that neither of the above-mentioned scenarios would change the basis on which the County had budgeted the money.

**Subject: Authorization to purchase Personal and Laptop computers from the State or National Cooperative Contract**

Commissioner Stamper stated that in the past the County had bid out personal and laptop computers. He stated that the County had not been pleased with the results of the bid process in the past. He stated that the request had been made by the Information Technology and Purchasing Department for the County to go for a period of time on the State and/or National Cooperative contract. He stated that at some point in the future, the County would re-bid computer acquisition on behalf of the County.

Bob Ormiston stated that there were three objectives to purchasing from the State and/or National Cooperative contract and those were to save time, save money and provide better technology for the users.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the purchase of Personal and Laptop Computers from either the State or National Cooperative Contract whichever is lowest and best.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that by law the County had the authority to enter into these State and National Cooperative Contracts. She stated that in the past the County's policy had been to bid out these items so that local vendors could have the opportunity [to receive the business]. She stated that this was a good policy, however at this time, this procedure seemed like the best thing to do.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 222-99**

**Subject: Award Request for Qualifications for GIS Conversion Project**

Commissioner Stamper tabled this item to a later date. He also asked that item #11 *Report on fatal accident on Peabody Road (Friday night, April 30, 1999)* be taken off the agenda. He stated that he had reported on this in an earlier meeting.

Commissioner Stamper introduced Velma Gentsch. He stated that she had joined the County (as a Commission Intern) in working with the sustainability issue. He stated that she was originally a resident of Jefferson City. He stated that she was senior at Washington University in Environmental Studies. He stated that her focus was on environmental economics and sustainable development. He stated that Velma Gentsch had informed them that she wanted to obtain some real-world experience and to help a community.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the work that Velma Gentsch was doing at this time was primarily with Stan Shawver, Director of Planning and Building Inspection in looking at structure, process, and smart growth.

Commissioner Stamper officially welcomed Velma Gentsch to the County.

**Subject: Change Order No. 5 of Sidewalk/Johnson Bldg & Courthouse Project**

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve Change Order No. 5 of 67-02DEC98 Sidewalk/Johnson Bldg & Courthouse Project with Columbia Curb & Gutter in the contract amount of \$800. And further authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign said change order.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that he [previously] authorized this within the limits prescribed by the County Commission. He stated that they were ratifying an action that had already taken place.

Commissioner Vogt asked if this was a piece that the County could get some support and payment on.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this \$800 actually related to some work that the County thought that the City of Columbia was going to pay for. He stated that the County found out that the City of Columbia would not be paying for this work.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 220-99**

**Subject: Budget Revision for Replacement Furniture**

Frank Abart stated that this was a budget revision to move some money in order to replace a desk and two chairs.

Commissioner Vogt moved to authorize a Budget revision as follows:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>(to) ACCOUNT</b>	<b>(from) ACCOUNT</b>
\$948	2040-86800 Emergency	2040-92100 Replacement Furniture & Fixtures

Said revision is to cover cost for replacement furniture.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked if the workstation that was purchased [replacement] was one that matched the quality of those present in the County.

Frank Abart stated that it was probably of a lower quality than what is being used. He stated that the Public Works Department had purchased the cheapest piece of equipment that they could find at Office Depot.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 221-99**

**Subject: FY98 Social Service Agency Management and Program Evaluation Report**

Commissioner Stamper asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. He stated that he needed to call the agency to make sure that he had permission to release this information.

**Subject: Report concerning paint on the cars of Boone County employees**

Commissioner Stamper stated that a number of County employees' cars received paint on them due to a roofing project at Putnam's Furniture. He stated that Bonnie Atkins had called in order to ask John Patton to find a remedy with the contractor for the damage. He stated that with the permission of the Commission, he would contact John Patton and ask him to speak with the contractor on this matter.

Commissioner Stamper requested that John Patton give some guidance on the subject.

**Commissioner Reports**

*Commissioner Vogt*

Commissioner Vogt reported that she met with Doris Chiles to talk with her about Section 8 Housing and the Housing Authority. Commissioner Vogt stated that she would be looking into the contracts and the agreements that the County has with the all the other counties to take in their money. She stated that she needed to look into those cooperative agreements and the contract with Human Development Corporation.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she visited with Lorah Steiner on the fairgrounds issue in order to get information about its capacity for tourism. Commissioner Vogt stated that Lorah Steiner had some figures on that subject.

*Commissioner Stamper*

Commissioner Stamper stated that he was working constantly on the fairgrounds issue. He stated that he would try to report to the Commission on this coming Tuesday. He stated that he hoped to be able to answer questions on Tuesday.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would not be in the office tomorrow. He stated that he would be going to Platte County to meet with the Platte County Regional Sewer District. He stated that the PCRSD was doing some interesting things in sewer development. He stated that the sewer district was being ran by a former ( I need to ask Commissioner Stamper what county) County Commissioner.

*Commissioner Miller*

Commissioner Miller was absent.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned 2:10pm.

Attest:

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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Karen M. Miller  
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt  
District II Commissioner