

TERM OF COMMISSION: January Session of the November 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
County Counsel John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

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

Subject: Recreational Trails Grant

Alderwoman Marti Kardinal (city of Rocheport) presented pictures of the grant request and a copy of the grant request to the County Commission. She stated that the grant request would be composed of a line that would extend south of the Katy Trail to the MO River. She stated that this portion of the trail was used primarily by fishermen for many years. She stated that in 1995 there was a flood which created a gap in the trail. She stated that the City of Rocheport is applying to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a grant to restore that portion of the trail.

Marti Kardinal stated that she anticipated designation of this location as a Lewis & Clark National Site. She stated that this designation would enhance the town of Rocheport

Commissioner Miller moved to submit a letter of support to the MO State Parks Division. She read the letter into the public record as follows:

January 6, 2000

**Mr. Steve Burdic
Division of State Parks
101 Adams Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

RE: Rocheport Grant Application

Dear Mr. Burdic,

Members of the Rocheport City Council have presented us with information on an application for the FY 2000 Recreational Trails Program. This is for a grant to extend Central Street to the river and to designate the area as a Lewis & Clark stop with signage.

The Boone County Commission would like to add our support to the City of Rocheport in this grant application.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt clarified that this request was to replace a portion of the Katy Trail that was destroyed during the 1993 and 1995 floods.

The motion passed 3-0. Order 8-2000

Subject: Approve year 2000 Contract for Medical Examiner Services

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the agreement between Boone County and the Curators of the University of MO for Medical Examiner Services for the year 2000 in the contract amount of \$46,371.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that she heard in the media that Jay Dix contracts with other small surrounding areas for medical examiner services.

Commissioner Stamper stated that some of the small, surrounding areas do not have medical examiners or access to those services. He stated that Jay Dix assists those communities.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 1-2000**

Subject: Accept Easement from Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 for Early Warning Siren

Commissioner Stamper stated that Boone County is in the process of installing 29 warning sirens throughout the area. He stated that as of a very recent report from Ken Hines, Boone County Fire Protection District, there were only three sites on which the warning sirens need to be installed. He noted that this easement would grant the site for one of those three, remaining locations.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the Early Warning Siren Easement from the Consolidated Public Water District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri and authorize the Presiding Commission to sign said easement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 2-2000**

Subject: Proclamation for Falun Dafa Week

Commissioner Stamper stated that this request is similar to other requests that the County receives from different groups for a proclamation in order to draw attention to their initiative. He stated that this particular request has become a very big issue. He stated that the County Commission received contact from the Chinese Consulate questioning the appropriateness of a proclamation from the County Commission on behalf of this organization. He stated that there have been some very healthy discussions on this topic.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission performs this service for about 20-25 various groups a year. He stated that this action is very consistent with the County Commission's activity in the past. He stated that this action is also the basis of freedom of speech, freedom of identity, and freedom to participate. He stated that those principles represent a difference between the United State government and mainland China. He stated that the County Commission has not rejected any other group that has requested a proclamation in the past.

Commissioner Miller stated that there are many people in the United States who chose to live in this country to have freedom of religion and be able to practice their religion. She stated that this action is very consistent with the principles that the United States was founded upon.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she has given this issue a great deal of thought since being contacted by the Chinese Consulate. She stated that she concurred with Commissioner Miller's comments. She stated that under the principles of the United States, the County Commission

“could do nothing but afford people the right that our forefathers afforded us.” She reiterated Commissioner Stamper’s comment that the County Commission has not denied any group the use of the Courthouse grounds. She stated that “the Courthouse grounds belong to the people of Boone County to be used by the people of Boone County.”

Commissioner Vogt moved to adopt the attached proclamation for Falun Dafa Week. She read the proclamation into the public record as follows:

FALUN DAFA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, “Falun Dafa has improved over 100 million people’s physical and mental health worldwide, improved their moral standard and deepen their understandings of life, humanity and universe”; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is a pure cultivation and practice system emphasize on the principle of Zhen-Shan-Ren (Truthfulness-Benevolence-Forbearance)”; and;

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has played a significant role in bringing peace to the world and leading people toward wisdom and enlightenment”; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has helped numerous people to turn away from bad habits and to pursue to more meaningful lives”; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa’s remarkable contribution to human society has been recognized world wide”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri does hereby proclaim January 9th-January 16th, 2000 as

FALUN DAFA WEEK

In Boone County, Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Boone County, this 6th day January, 2000.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 3-2000**

Commissioner Stamper stated that this proclamation would be presented to the organization this Sunday in the Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Stamper invited the representatives of the organization to give comments.

Chuan Lin, 1508 Typhoon Ct stated that the organization appreciated the County Commission’s decision to support Falun Dafa. He stated that he also appreciated the County Commission’s comments during the meeting regarding freedom of speech.

Chuan Lin stated that Falun Dafa is a very high-level meditation system founded in 1992. He stated that over 100 million practice Falun Dafa. He stated that all participants experience great benefits from the practice. He stated that the organization wanted to endorse the practice. He stated that the practice is for everyone not just Chinese people. He stated that the practice can improve individual’s moral standards and better human society overall.

Chuan Lin thanked the County Commission for their support.

Subject: Budget Revision to cover legal expenses for November and December 1999

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize a budget revision as follows:

AMOUNT	(increasing) ACCOUNT	(decreasing) ACCOUNT
\$14,500	1121-71105 Legal Services	1123-86800 Emergency

Said revision is to cover legal expenses incurred in November and December of 1999.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller stated that she is thankful for an attorney that has historical knowledge of the County.

Commissioner Vogt stated that it also less expensive than employing an attorney full-time.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 4-2000**

Subject: Budget Revision to cover shortfall in the 1131 Budget

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize a budget revision as follows:

AMOUNT	(increasing) ACCOUNT	(decreasing) ACCOUNT
\$4,000	1131-10100 County Clerk Salaries	1132-10100 Elections Salaries

Said revision is to cover shortfall in 1131 Budget due to sick leave/vacation in part-time positions as well as overtime costs.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 5-2000**

Subject: Resignation from the Boone County Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees

Commissioner Stamper moved to accept the resignation of Robert Lerch from the Boone County Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked how much of Robert Lerch's term was left.

Administrative Assistant Jane Watson stated that there were two years remaining on Robert Lerch's term.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 6-2000**

Subject: Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Stamper stated that a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is being formed with the consolidation of SDA-5 and SDA-9. He stated that the WIB require two appointments from each county. He stated that Boone County was selected for the labor appointment and the education appointment. He stated that the board selected Andy Rule for the labor appointment and Rex Campbell for the education appointment.

Commissioner Miller stated that she would rather see someone with more involvement in the vocational/technical aspect of education be appointed to the board. She stated that an appointment of this nature would better suit the individuals serviced by the WIB.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the University Extension Office (Rex Campbell) is very involved in the Workforce Investment Board. He stated however that both of the individuals serve at the pleasure of the County Commission. He stated that if the arrangement did not work, others could be appointed in their place.

Commissioner Vogt stated that one of the big advantages of have a smaller SDA was that the County could appoint individuals from a wide variety of disciplines. She stated however that she did support Rex Campbell as the education appointment due to his experience with the Community Partnership.

Commissioner Stamper moved to designate Rex Campbell and Andy Rule to the newly-formed Workforce Investment Board to serve for a 2-year period (unless otherwise stated by the County Commission).

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked if Andy Ruhl was on the previous WIB and if he attended all of the meeting.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Andy Ruhl was on the WIB and did attend the meetings.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 7-2000**

Subject: Authorize Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a closed session immediately following the Tuesday, January 11th meeting as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 8A-2000**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper reported that he would be attending a meeting with the residents of Bon-Gor this evening. He stated that the meeting would be held at the home of Kathy Marrow. He stated that he would bring back a summary of the meeting to the County Commission.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt reported that she attended the FEMA Board meeting. She stated that the County uses its portion of the FEMA funds for food and shelter for citizens of the community. She stated that the County received \$900 less than usual, which decreased the total to under \$20,000. She stated that the board decided to allot a portion of funds to the following agencies: Voluntary Action Center, Salvation Army, Comprehensive Human Services, Community Harvest Food Pantry, and Welcome Home.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the total amount received has decreased every year. She stated that part of the reason for the decrease is the County's low unemployment rate and the fact that the County is still working with census data from ten years ago. She stated that the FEMA Board received comments (from the agencies it allotted funds) stating that most of the people receiving their services (agencies) are employed, however their jobs are low-paying and non-benefited.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller did not give reports.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner