

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

Commissioner Elkin called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Subject: Sheriff's Department – First Reading of Contract Amendment (Business Name Change)

Captain Dwayne Carey, Boone County Sheriff's Department, present on behalf of this item.

Captain Carey stated pawn inventory system used to be owned by Magnum Computer Consulting Company. They have merged with Leadsonline Inc, which the Sheriff's Department has a contract with Magnum Computer Consulting. Essentially, this is just a merger and the Sheriff's Department needs to continue with the pawn inventory program.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this was just a name change to continue the agreement. Captain Carey said this was correct.

Commissioner Miller asked what the length of the contract is. Captain Carey stated the initial contract was for 12 months.

Commissioner Miller asked what services are performed by this company. Captain Carey said it is the law enforcement pawnshop inventory tracking system.

Commissioner Miller stated this is the only company that is available for these services. She commented on the contract.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Second Reading and Acceptance of DOVE Grant Funding

Commissioner Elkin moved to accept the grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety for the STOP Violence Against Women program from the continuation of the Domestic Violence Enforcement (DOVE) Unit in the amount of \$64,500.00. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the application for

funding.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 542-2001**

Subject: Purchasing Department – Second Reading and Approval of Purchase of Laptop Computer

Melinda Bobbitt, Purchasing Department Director, present on behalf of this item.

Melinda Bobbitt stated Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk, and the ITAC Committee have agreed that funds budgeted from the Election and Registration account may be used to purchase a laptop computer to be used with the Multi-Media Projector purchased in October. Included in the paper work is a budget revision requesting the transfer of \$3,340.00 from department 1132 account 85900 to department 1115 account 91301.

Commissioner Miller stated she did not understand why the funding is being transferred to Human Resources when the computer will be in the IT Department. Mrs. Bobbitt stated June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, specified this fund. It could possibly be because the Multi-Media Projector was purchased with funds from the training fund, from Human Resources' budget.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the following budget amendment:

Department Account and Title	Amount Decrease	Amount Increase
1132-85900: Election and Registration/County Election Expense	\$3,340.00	
1115-91301: Human Resources/Computer Hardware		\$3,340.00

Said budget revision is for the purchase of a Laptop Computer for Countywide staff use. The Laptop Computer with Microsoft Office XP Pro is a one-time purchase.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 543-2001**

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the purchase of a Laptop Computer from the WSCA contract #90-00151 to be used with the Multi-Media Projector.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 544-2001**

Subject: Public Works

David Mink, Boone County Public Works Director, present on behalf of these items.

A. Second Reading and Approval of Hire above the Base of the Range

David Mink stated this is for Allison Anderson to fill the project engineer position. What the department is requesting is to hire her in at the base of the range proposed by the consultant. The new range has not been adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the hire above the base of the range for a project engineer at Public Works for a starting salary of \$43,686.00.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 545-2001**

B. First Reading for Extension of FMLA Temporary Replacement Employee

Mr. Mink stated Kevin Wood, Facilities Maintenance Technician, was placed on Family Medical Leave beginning September 24, 2001, this was for a period of 12 weeks. The 12-week period expires December 17, 2001. Kevin Wood has requested an extension of leave of absence for an additional 12 weeks. Mr. Mink has a doctor's statement that supports the request and will be bring that forward to Commission soon. In the interim, they have hired a person to replace Mr. Wood according to the authorization provided by Commission Order 176A-94. That allowed for the hiring of a replacement for person on FMLA leave for a period of up to six weeks. Mr. Earl Glenn was hired and he started on October 29, 2001 and his six week period ends on December 7. The department is requesting to extend Earl Glenn's employment up to March 8, 2002, which would be the end of Mr. Wood's additional 12 weeks, if that is approved, or until a decision is made about Mr. Wood's future employment with the County. Earl Glenn has not made any promises that he can stay for the whole 12 weeks.

Commissioner Miller stated it makes sense to hire a replacement when an employee is out for a long period of time.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval of the request.

Subject: First Reading of Contract Amendment #6 for the Child Assessment Center Services

Commissioner Miller stated this is just pass-through money.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is the first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this for a second reading at the first available meeting after a ten-day waiting period with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Fireworks Display on County Property

Commissioner Miller stated last year First Night had a big event out on the Courthouse Square area and last year, for the first time and in conjunction with the new millennium, there was a big fireworks display. Because of the success, they would like to incorporate the fireworks display as a yearly practice. This is required to come through Commission and they add the County to their insurance policy.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the request from First Night Columbia 2002 to conduct a fireworks display from the Courthouse Square on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2001.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 546-2001**

Subject: Authorize Use of Commission Chambers (First Church of Christ, Scientist)

Commissioner Elkin moved to authorize the use of the Commission Chambers of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center on April 27, 2002 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a public talk on spirituality by First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 547-2001**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

None to report at this time

Commissioner Miller

Ashland Possible Tax Abatement

Commissioner Miller stated she attended a meeting in Ashland, where all governmental entities were invited, to discuss tax abatement. All possible scenarios were identified that State Law allowed a city or a county to enact in order to recruit development for a community. They wanted to show what the parameters were, shared what the developer wanted to have and made it clear that it may be the developer's desire for all those things but it was not their desire to honor it in total. They promised to work with the school board to see how the foundation formula would be effected. She attended the meeting as a listener because she has already expressed her opinion about this issue. There were many questions from the Fire District and the School Board but there was few public at the meeting. They will be holding another meeting when the time gets closer. In addition, the only thing being looked at from the County's perspective would be an abatement of future property taxes for a period of time.

Commissioner Elkin stated there was an article in the paper stating that they were reconsidering tax abatement. Commissioner Miller stated she spoke with Bruce Wallace, the Journal Editor, and he does not know where that information came from because the Mayor, Charlie Campbell has not backed away from his position.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Miller reported on the progress and standing of the following projects:

- Gans Road – Complete except fencing
- Dee Woods Road – Possibly have to winter project
- Richland Road – APEC working on bridge deck and the project is completed now
- Rangeline – Will be getting signs and stripping at the beginning of next year
- Carr Lane – In Design
- Prairie View Drive – In Construction
- Judy School Road and Georgetown – In survey process
- Zumwalt Bridge – In Construction
- Coats Lane Bridge – Finalized

- Academy Road, Benson Road, Olivet Road, Rolling Hills – In Design
- Abilene and Rebel Drive – Finalized

The Maintenance Operations Staff is working cooperatively with the City of Columbia on the Lake of the Woods Road drainage project. The Mt. Zion Church Road culvert pipe is near completion. Judy School Road, the bank clearing and widening has taken place. They have worked on getting their snow route maps ready. They are working to get a cost share for the Mt. Zion Church Road and working on shared road agreements with the City of Columbia and Ashland.

Commissioner Elkin

Fairgrounds Public Forums

Commissioner Elkin stated there have been five meetings so far. Youth sports have been the most discussed issue at all of the meetings and that has been the Commission's intention all along to provide youth activities. There is interest in commercial activities, like hockey or baseball. He met yesterday with Little Dixie Kiawani's Club and they expressed interest in being involved in sponsoring some fields or participating in some capital expenditure youth arena. He believes it is important to include the civic organizations. He thinks there will be one more meeting. There were approximately 15 people at the meeting in Centralia.

Commissioner Miller stated the meetings help the public see that the Commission is working on this issue.

Commissioner Miller stated she had a few other items that she wanted to report on. First, she met with the mayor of Columbia yesterday to discuss a joint task force for the Stormwater issue. They discussed what the task force would be doing. The mayor is hoping to bring it forward to the City Council to discuss a joint task force. Commissioner Miller and the mayor discussed what the make-up and components of the task force should be.

Second, Commissioner Miller stated last week she was in Santa Fe, New Mexico for a meeting of Homeland Security Task Force of the National Association of Counties. A speaker from the FBI discussed cyberterrorism. Seven different components were identified as what governmental agencies or businesses face from cyberterrorism. Boone County had six of the seven since September 11, 2001.

Finally, Commissioner Miller stated that she will be gone from December 5 to December 14. She will be in Israel for a public official seminar hosted by the Project Interchange and American Jewish Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner