

TERM OF COMMISSION: November 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  
Auditor June Pitchford  
Deputy County Clerk Michelle Malaby

The budget hearing was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

**SUBJECT: Boone County Pinnacles Youth Foundation**

Steve Willsie, Boone County Pinnacles Youth Foundation Board President, 15020 Highway 63 North, Sturgeon, Missouri and Realtor Jay Wilson, 3000 Yukon Drive, Columbia, were present. Mr. Wilson lists the property Pinnacles Youth Foundation would like to purchase.

Mr. Willsie stated the budget request consists of two parts: \$8,000 to purchase an adjoining 13 acre parcel and \$4,100 to construct a walkway on an existing bridge framework across Silver Fork Creek. Mr. Willsie displayed a map showing the parcel they wish to purchase.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Willsie replied there is no direct access to the parcel by vehicle. There is an easement across his property. It can also be accessed on foot.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Mr. Willsie replied the parcel is an open area which large youth groups can use for camping. Purchase of the parcel will also help maintain the area in a natural, undeveloped state. The \$4,100 request can be reduced by \$1,300. A family has pledged that amount in memory of their daughter. It is possible they could acquire the land for less than the \$8,000 asking price.

Commissioner Vogt stated this request is not proposed for funding. She wants to fund the request. Legal counsel advises the county would need to lease the parcel to the Pinnacles Youth Foundation.

Commissioner Miller commented purchasing the parcel would be a nice addition to northern Boone County recreational land. She is pleased citizens maintain the park.

Mr. Willsie stated there are three scenarios under which the board would enter into an agreement with the county: if the land or funding was donated to the Pinnacles Youth Foundation, if the lease period were for twenty years, after which the land would be donated, or if the lease agreement included an option for purchase at the original price.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes.

**SUBJECT: Community Services Advisory Commission**

Present were City of Columbia Community Services Office Manager Phil Steinhaus, Community Services Advisory Commission (CSAC) Chair Dianne Miller and members Kevin Collins, Dan Blegen, and Dick Dowdy. A document titled "Boone County Social Assistance Contract Recommendations FY96" was distributed.

Ms. Miller described the process used by CSAC to make funding recommendations.

Commissioner Stamper asked why is funding not recommended for Planned Parenthood and Eldercare Center, except for a two percent supplemental increase?

Mr. Steinhaus replied the decision was based on prioritization of requests by CSAC.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Mr. Collins replied the City of Columbia budgeted \$15,000 for Planned Parenthood and \$16,000 for Eldercare Center.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vogt, Mr. Collins replied the City of Columbia budgeted \$1,035 for Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding.

Ms. Pitchford asked is the provision of funding by the City of Columbia a factor in deciding whether county funding will be recommended? If so, to what extent?

Commissioner Stamper stated he is sensitive to increasing county funding of a program when city funding of the program is decreasing.

Mr. Steinhaus replied funding provided the previous budget year is outlined in the budget information provided to the County Commission.

Commissioner Stamper stated he would like to have that information for more than just the previous year.

Mr. Dowdy stated from his perspective, he does not try to play the city against the county. He looks at the need for the service. If the service is needed more in the city, they would recommend more funding come from the city.

Ms. Pitchford asked was the needs assessment study helpful to CSAC in making funding recommendations?

Mr. Dowdy replied he used it some. It is a good document. He has not had time to digest it all.

Mr. Steinhaus added they used it for the program emphasis plan. CSAC reviewed the document and formally accepted it as a useful tool.

**SUBJECT: Prosecuting Attorney**

Prosecuting Attorney Kevin Crane and Administrative Coordinator Bonnie Adkins were present.

Commissioner Stamper requested additional information on the partial transition of a position from one funding source to another.

Mr. Crane stated they want to use the tax fund to pay thirty percent of the Tax Administrator/Personnel Coordinator's salary, or \$6,433, rather than thirty percent of the Attorney II's salary, or \$11,608.

In response to questions from Commissioner Stamper, Mr. Crane replied the net savings would remain in the fund to maintain the integrity of the fund. The Tax Administrator maintains files on cases where State tax dollars are sought, distributes files to the attorney responsible for the case, pursues the settlement payment from the delinquent taxpayer, and ensures funds are allocated properly.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Ms. Pitchford replied during the past few years, they have modified funding of positions from this fund in an attempt to match the position with the funding source. This change will continue that effort.

Commissioner Stamper asked for additional information on the request for partitions and workstations, particularly in regard to what they intend to do with the space.

Mr. Crane replied the area in front of his personal office is open. The library is there. They would like to add two workstations to the area for use by volunteers and law students. They want to add partitions in secretarial areas to increase privacy.

Commissioner Stamper stated his concern is that the space will be cut up.

Mr. Crane replied this space can tolerate it. It will alleviate the cluttered appearance there now.

In response to a comment by Commissioner Miller, Mr. Crane replied the library will not be negatively affected.

Ms. Adkins added the attorneys can also use the workstations--semi-private areas--when they use the law library.

Before departing, Mr. Crane stated he hopes they can discuss reclassifying two positions in the near future: the Attorney II and the Personnel Coordinator.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Ms. Adkins replied the Personnel Coordinator is classified as a range 14.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Karen M. Miller  
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt  
District II Commissioner