

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  
Deputy County Clerk Diane Buchmann

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**SUBJECT: Contract with City of Centralia for Recycling Services**

Solid Waste Coordinator Don Abell stated as a pilot project, a drop-off container was placed in Centralia. The program is popular. Centralia agreed to pay half the cost of a permanent program. The county will contract with the vendor who hauls the materials. The county will bill Centralia for their portion of the cost.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Abell replied the container is emptied approximately every three weeks. The cost to empty the container is \$90. The cost to process the materials is about \$25.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign, the attached Cooperative Agreement with the City of Centralia for Recycling Services.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Abell replied funds were included in the 1997 budget for this service.

Motion passed unanimously. **Order 580-96.**

**SUBJECT: Jail Overcrowding: Authorize Out-of-County Housing of Prisoners**

Sheriff Ted Boehm distributed statistics concerning the prisoner population at the Correctional Facility. On November 19, 1996, 73 of the total number of prisoners were committed to serve time at the facility.

Commissioner Stamper stated managing overpopulation at the facility requires immediate action. The rate of incarceration is increasing. A long term solution is needed.

Sheriff Boehm stated there were 196 inmates at the facility yesterday. Sixteen were housed in the gymnasium. Inmates in the gymnasium are not directly supervised. There are seven staff members per shift who supervise inmates. They are at their limit. He, Commissioner Stamper and the Prosecuting Attorney considered this problem during the past ten days in an attempt to discover a cause for the increase in population. People are in the facility because they violated the law. The courts made the disposition that they should serve time. Sheriff Boehm stated they need to house prisoners at other facilities for what he hopes will be the short term. Space is available in Marion County at \$35 per day. Callaway County has eight beds available at \$40 per day.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vogt, Sheriff Boehm replied two people will be needed to transport prisoners in the bus. A run to Marion County should take a total of four hours.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Sheriff Boehm replied they will select prisoners who have been committed to serve time for out-of-county housing.

Commissioner Stamper stated he requested a meeting with the Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Presiding Circuit Court Judge, and Auditor with the goal of determining whether policies can be adjusted to obtain immediate relief from overcrowding and to look for a long term solution. The

work release area will likely need to be converted for higher security use. For now, the commission needs to authorize temporary housing of inmates out-of-county.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Sheriff Boehm requested authorization to house 20 prisoners out-of-county.

Commissioner Stamper stated one solution might be to “double bunk” prisoners in cells which are large enough.

Commissioner Vogt asked what is the disadvantage to double bunking?

Commissioner Stamper replied the cells where it is possible are ten square feet smaller than the size dictated by national standards.

The commission agreed by consensus to allow Sheriff Boehm to house up to 20 inmates in facilities outside Boone County at a cost of \$35 to \$40 per day. Appropriate paperwork, transferring funds from the emergency fund are to be prepared for commission approval.

**SUBJECT: Award Bid 102-22NOV96, 1/2 Ton Truck**

Commissioner Stamper stated this vehicle will replace a vehicle destroyed in an accident. The county was not at fault.

Purchasing Department Director stated the destroyed vehicle was a 1996 Ford F-150. Bids were requested for a like vehicle. Two proposals were received. Ms. Jackson recommended rejection of the response from Carroll Rhema Motors for a 1997 Chevrolet CK 10903 at \$18,424.23. They cannot meet the requirement that the vehicle be delivered within 15 days. They estimate delivery in 90 to 120 days. They do not recommend use of a snow plow with the vehicle due to vehicle being equipped with an air bag. The supervisor who drives the destroyed vehicle is using his personal vehicle. He is being reimbursed for approximately 100 miles per day. Award is recommended to Joe Machens Ford for a 1996 Ford F-250 4 x 4 at \$20,824.60. Insurance proceeds are \$17,675. The remaining cost will be covered with excess funds in class six.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Public Works Department Director Frank Abart replied they requested the ability to use a snow plow with the truck to obtain flexibility in using the vehicle in tight places. The option is part of the towing package, which the department uses frequently.

Commissioner Vogt noted the supervisor who uses this vehicle works in subdivision areas more than other supervisors.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 102-22NOV96, 1/2 Ton Truck, to Joe Machens Ford for a 1996 Ford F-250 HD 4 x 4 in the amount of \$20,824.60. The County Commission rejects the bid submitted by Carroll Rhema Motors, Inc. due to their inability to deliver the vehicle as required by the bid specifications. The County Commission authorizes a budget revision transferring \$3,150 from 2040-60200 to 2040-92400. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign necessary documents.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 581-96.**

**SUBJECT: Public Comment**

Ned Gruenhagen 3601 Danvers Drive, asked if he heard correctly that increasing the size of the jail cells by ten square feet would allow the correctional facility to double its occupancy?

Commissioner Stamper stated only some cells will allow inmates to be double bunked. There is a recommended national standard which calls for such cells to be ten square feet larger than the cells in the Boone County Correctional Facility. That standard could have changed after construction of the jail.

Mr. Gruenhagen suggested if the facility must be expanded, he would suggest the larger cells be considered. Mr. Gruenhagen noted the agenda before the commission is not one he was shown earlier. He is concerned about an item relating to Gillespie Bridge Road.

Commissioner Stamper stated he has the quit claim deeds relating to the item, but that item has been postponed.

Mr. Gruenhagen indicated he is concerned that the agenda changed.

Commissioner Stamper stated it is unusual for that to occur. It is the preference of the chair that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Agendas do change. There are times when conditions cause the agenda to change.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Attest:

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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