

TERM OF COMMISSION: December 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 Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

SUBJECT: Missouri Department of Conservation Programs Update

Dave Hurlbut, Assistant to the Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation introduced Robyn K. Raisch, Conservation Agent for Boone County and reviewed the programs offered by the Conservation department. He explained the Forced Cropland Act that keeps timber in growing condition rather than cutting it prematurely for revenue and reviewed the acreage in Boone County that is owned by the Department that is enrolled in the program and therefore reimburses the County in forced land tax payments or in lieu of tax payments.

He said they were in the process of building a waterfowl hatchery in Warsaw for \$20 million and that they recently acquired Columbia Bottoms in St. Louis at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers for \$10 million. Mr. Hurlbut said the Department was a little tight on cash flow.

Mr. Hurlbut explained the Branch Out Missouri granting program for public entities to receive trees to plant on public property. He talked about the program for rural fire departments where they helped departments acquire Jeeps, trucks, pickups and tankers necessary for rural departments who are hard pressed for funds. He also updated the Commission on the influence of gypsy moths in the state of Missouri and said that orange boxes on trees were filled with an attractant to help determine if the moths were in the area. The moths, he said, are devastating to cities, recreational and forest economies.

Mr. Hurlbut discussed the Outdoor Classroom Grant that helps schools wanting to build outdoor classrooms. He provided the Commission with copies of the Missouri Conservationist, a magazine with a circulation of 400,000 and an atlas that shows Conservation land in Missouri. He explained that the department offers videos on outdoor recreation and programs in fish and wildlife that deal with erosion control and prairie re-establishment.

He also said there were serious concerns in Missouri regarding the quail and rabbit populations. the Conservation department offers a program for landowners to pay them to leave a 10' strip of corn, milo or soybeans adjacent to hardcover. The maximum any landowner can claim is \$800 and the crops must remain in the field until mid-March of the next year. The program, he said, is also beneficial to deer, turkey and songbirds because it keeps food available in the winter months. He said they learned that even when the program ran out of money, many farmers continued to participate on their own.

Commissioner Stamper thanked Mr. Hurlbut and Mr. Raisch for their update on Missouri Conservation programs in Boone County.

SUBJECT: Award Bid 51-12NOV97, Johnson Building HVAC Replacement

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 51-12NOV97, Johnson Building HVAC Replacement to Hulett Heating and Air Conditioning for \$18,700; and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contracts.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 501-97.**

SUBJECT: Surplus Property Disposal

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the disposal of the attached surplus property items as recommended by the Purchasing Department, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the disposal forms.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 502-97.**

SUBJECT: Range Changes for Sheriff’s Department

Commissioner Stamper explained that the Range Classification committee had met to discuss the transfer of the position of corporal to sergeant in the Sheriff’s department. Extensive research was done by the Human Resources department and brought back to the committee. It comes forward with a recommendation to approve.

Sheriff Boehm said that after reviewing the job responsibilities and descriptions, they decided the two positions were 98% similar. The change would keep Boone County well within the ratio of Sergeant’s to officers in other law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Stamper said there was a consensus in the Range Classification committee. He said they asked about the turnover rate and the ratio of supervisors to road personnel and asked Human Resources to look into those areas.

Mr. Stone said that most entities do not have the corporate level at all. Most counties, he said, have only sergeants and officers.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve a range change in the Sheriff’s Department, transferring the position of Corporal to Sergeant; effective January 1, 1998.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 503-97.**

SUBJECT: Joint Spending Agreement

Sheriff Boehm said that this was the second year that the department was involved with this block grant . He said the County’s request has been reviewed by the Attorney General who certified there was a discrepancy. As a result, the County has been awarded a revised total of \$26,833.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept the reallocation of funds from the Joint Spending Agreement for \$26,000 for the purchase of equipment and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement, noting the agreement addresses fiscal year 1997.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 504-97.**

SUBJECT: Out of County Housing for October 1997

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the following budget revision:

Dept.	Account	Account Title	Transfer From	Transfer To
1123	86800	Emergency Funds	\$19,700	
1255	71100	Outside Services		\$19,700

Explanation: To cover the costs of out of county housing for October 1997.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 505-97.**

SUBJECT: Treasurer’s Report for October 1997

Treasurer Kay Murray gave the Treasurer’s report for October 1997.

SUBJECT: Extension of Consultant Services Agreement

Public Works Director Frank Abart explained that in order to utilize consulting services, those agreements need to be updated annually. The consultants provide testing of materials like rock or soils, he said.

Commissioner Stamper said the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the extension and continuation of the Consultant Services Agreement with Engineering Surveys and Services, Inc. and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 506-97.**

SUBJECT: Budget Revision from Facilities Maintenance

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the following budget revision:

Dept.	Account	Account Title	Transfer From	Transfer To
6100	60100	Building Repairs, Maintenance	\$1,073.60	
	10100	Salaries & Wages		\$961.92
	10200	FICA		\$73.59
	10400	Worker's Comp.		\$38.09

Explanation: Transfer funds to cover expenses for temporary painter.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 507-97.**

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Stamper reported that the date for the adoption of the 1998 budget had been set for December 19.

He reported that he had met with Mr. Abart to discuss the concerns of a landowner adjacent to a project on Locust Grove Road. The landowner alleged that the County has been doing work on private property. He said the County had done no work there wasn't an easement for and said they were not having a lot of luck coming to an understanding with the landowner.

Commissioner Stamper said he had received a letter from the County Employee Retirement Fund saying they have declined to accept the Circuit Court employees as County employees and based their decision on a lack of clarity from Judge Conley. Court Administrator Bob Perry has requested that an outside attorney be engaged along with County Counselor John Patton to litigate the case. Commissioner Stamper reported that he told Mr. Perry the County had no intentions to litigate and any litigation would be the responsibility of the employees. He said he asked Mr. Patton to contact CERF's attorney.

Commissioner Stamper reported on his meeting with the representatives of the County and Sewer District to discuss the Neighborhood Improvement District program for sewers.

Commissioner Stamper submitted a letter from Marshall Pile, Presiding Commissioner of Gentry County thanking Boone County for hosting the Missouri Association of Counties. He also submitted a notice of special meeting of the Industrial Development Authority to discuss OTSCON, Inc. request for additional funding not to exceed \$3 million.

Commissioner Stamper reported that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorized the hiring of a Professional Engineer in the Public Works Department and has extended an invitation of \$42,750 annual salary, above the base of the range of \$36,504 annually.

Commissioner Vogt reported that the Commission office is in the process of setting up a lunch for the volunteers who have worked in the Centralia office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner