

TERM OF COMMISSION: October Session of the August Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:35a.m. by Acting-Presiding Commissioner Vogt.

Subject: Treasurer's Report for August-Kay Murray

Kay Murray presented her report for August to the Boone County Commission and submitted a copy for the public record.

Kay Murray stated that there was still \$4000 left in the Executive Bldg/JJC Fund.

Commissioner Miller asked if this money was already encumbered.

Kay Murray stated that she was not sure about that.

Commissioner Miller stated that if it was not, perhaps some thought should be given to using that money for the upkeep of the plants and decoration in the Government Building.

Kay Murray stated that a law was passed that stated that the forfeited bonds would now go to the State for a School Building Remodeling Fund.

Commissioner Miller asked Kay Murray what she meant by forfeited bonds.

Kay Murray stated that this was in reference to the bonds that were forfeited in the Circuit Court.

Commissioner Vogt wanted to know who would determine who received the money from the grants.

Kay Murray stated that she thought it might be the Department of Education.

Commissioner Vogt wanted to know how much of the Hospital Profitshare would be paid out.

Kay Murray stated that she did not know how much had been paid out, however there was over 3 million of it that was encumbered.

Kay Murray stated that she was hoping that Proposition 5 would pass in order to give Treasurers more flexibility.

Commissioner Miller stated that she was concerned about this sort of flexibility for every county.

Kay Murray stated that this proposition would help other treasurers to gain the expertise to be able to handle that sort of flexibility.

Subject: Courthouse Square Fountain Wall

Kay Murray provided and discussed an itemized list of things that needed to be done and purchased for this project.

Commissioner Miller stated that it takes a lot of money to maintain a fountain especially those that have heavy grates. She asked Kay Murray to look into finding another material that could be used instead of the kind that was listed as a possibility in the outline.

Commissioner Miller stated that she felt that this project was consistent with the way that the Hospital Profitshare Fund had been used. She also noted however, that the policy (pending) which addressed how this money should and could be spent was very much needed.

Commissioner Miller moved a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$23,000 transferred from the Hospital Profitshare to the Capital Project Courthouse Square Construction Account. And further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign all related documents for said Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller stated that she thought this would give the County the opportunity to get the wall built around the fountain.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 499-98**

Subject: Award Bid 51-30SEP98 Courthouse Square Wall

Beckie Jackson stated that the Purchasing department recommended award of the bid to Wulff Bros. Masonry Corporation for the Courthouse Square Wall.

Commissioner Miller moved to award Bid Number 51-30SEP98 pending Auditor approval as follows:

FOR _____ TO
COURTHOUSE SQUARE WALL WULFF BROS MASONRY CORPORATION

Said bid is awarded per attached recommendation of the Purchasing Director. And further ordered that the Presiding Commission be hereby authorized to sign contract documents for said purchase.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 500-98**

Subject: Vehicle Surplus Disposal

Beckie Jackson stated that the Purchasing department had decided to pull three vehicles from the Sheriff's fleet (that had been replaced by 1999 models) and offer them to local law enforcement agencies. She offered a sample letter for the Commissioners to read and stated that she would like to add a line that stated that the vehicles would be made available to other governmental agencies on a certain date.

Beckie Jackson stated that all Sheriff County divisions and law enforcement divisions in the State of Missouri would be contacted to see if they would like to purchase the vehicles if the local law enforcement entities have not shown interest in the vehicles by a certain deadline. She stated that the fixed price for the vehicles was \$12,000.

Beckie Jackson also stated that this program mirrored the program that is used by the State Highway Patrol. She stated that this was a test comparing the cost and up-front expenditure of the vehicle, the amount of use, etc.

Commissioner Vogt asked how much the vehicles cost when they were purchased.

Beckie Jackson stated that they cost \$17,553. She stated that she had checked the blue book on all three vehicles based on the years and mileage. She noted that there was no blue book value available for pursuit-type vehicles. She stated that she had then used the basic Crown Victoria value which ranged from (wholesale) \$11,000 to (retail) upper \$12,000.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the vehicles remained equipped when sold.

Beckie Jackson stated that all law enforcement equipment was removed and reused if possible. She stated that if the equipment could not be reused, it was then sold to other law enforcement agencies at a small-dollar cost.

Commissioner Miller stated that the City of Ashland had expressed interest in purchasing some pursuit-type vehicles and she had mentioned these vehicles that were for sale.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Purchasing Department to dispose of the three Sheriff's vehicles by sale to local Law Enforcement Agencies on a first-come, first serve basis for \$12,000 apiece and should they not be sold within Boone County; it is hereby ordered that the vehicles be offered to other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the State.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that she felt the County was often criticized for purchasing new vehicles, however she felt that the program that they County used allowed them to serve the public at a much lower rate because there are not as many extra costs for repairs and maintenance.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 501-98**

Subject: Employee of the Quarter

Commissioner Vogt read a statement (that is listed for public record in the County Commission Orders for October 20, 1998).

The statement announced Deby Thompson of the Public Works Department as Employee of the Quarter. The statement highlighted Deby Thompson's excellent communication and organization skills and her positive attitude in dealing with co-workers and the public.

There were other employees that also shared this honor. Other Employees of the Quarter included:

Sam Amick	Public Works Department
Beverly Braun	Sheriff's Department
Kathy Coble	Sheriff's Department
Mary Lou Estes	Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Mike Glascock	Public Works Department
Billy Montgomery	Public Works Department
Pam Ricketts	Sheriff's Department
Sheila Sublett	Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Roland Wren	Public Works Department

Commissioner Vogt expressed appreciation for everything that all of the Employees of the Quarter did to help Boone County function at its best level.

Subject: Scott Blvd Funding

Frank Abart stated the Commissioners had agreed in a work session to commit to the funding for Scott Blvd Project. He stated that the Oakland Gravel Road Project would be considered through the normal budget process.

Frank Abart stated that agreement to this funding would bring the County's contribution level to 75% of a 1.2 million project.

Commissioner Miller also stated that this was one of the County's safety projects that was expanded (Scott Blvd Safety Hill Project) and this was the reason why the County was willing to make an expanded monetary commitment.

Commissioner Miller stated that in addition to that reason, there was also a conflict with the City's charter that requires that they have knowledge of where the funding is coming from before (the project's) introduction at a public hearing. She further noted that the City could not enter the bid process without introduction at a public hearing, therefore the County's commitment to an additional \$300,000 sped things up for the project.

Frank Abart stated that he felt the City of Columbia had funding for this project. However, he felt that they did not have all the funding that they had wanted from the County.

Commissioner Miller stated that she still supported giving the City notice that the County would offer additional funding and stated that she agreed with the other project going through the regular budget process.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Public Works Director to send a communication to the City of Columbia that Boone County will include an additional \$300,000 grant request (for the Scott Blvd Project) in the 1999 Budget.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked if all that was occurring today was that the County was agreeing to include \$300,000 in there budget for this project.

Frank Abart stated that this was correct. The County was agreeing to increase its commitment on a 1.2 million project from \$600,000 to \$900,000.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 502-98**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller reported that the letter concerning the Appraisal for Boone Retirement Center stated that the fee would be \$6,000 instead of \$4,000 because of the appraisal had to be completed by November 15, 1998. She stated that Commissioner Stamper signed the letter and asked that it be ratified on the public record noting the increase.

Commissioner Vogt asked what fund the money would be taken out of.

Commissioner Miller stated that the money would be taken out of the Healthcare Profitshare Fund.

Commissioner Miller moved to ratify an Agreement with Tellatin, Louis & Andres Inc. for Appraisal Services in the amount of \$6,000. The costs of which will be equally divided between the Boone Retirement Center Board of Directors and the Boone County Commission with the County Commission's share to be taken from the Healthcare Profitshare Fund.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that there was no better way to use the Healthcare Profitshare Fund.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 503-98**

Commissioner Miller stated that she had another Addendum to the agreement between the Boone Retirement Center and the Boone County Commission concerning the financial agreement. She stated that the current agreement states that Administrator would be paid in a consulting format by the County taken from the Boone Retirement Center funds, but still under the direct control of the Boone County Commission.

Commissioner Miller stated that there were some contractual things that needed to be worked out due to the change in Administrators from Mr. Sims to Cindy Forbis. She stated that initially the new Administrator's fee was to be paid as a consulting fee and her benefits were to be handled by Boone County. However, there had been no way to do that legally. Therefore, John Patton recommended that the Commission draw up an Addendum with the Boone Retirement Center Board of Directors stating that they would pay the salary through the budget process, but that the Administrator would be under the direction of the County Commission.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Addendum had been signed by the Boone Retirement Center Board of Directors and needed to be acted on by the County Commission.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the Board of Directors were going to pay the Administrator's salary regardless of how the Addendum read. However, the Commission was supposed to take responsibility in how Boone Retirement Center was being managed.

Commissioner Miller stated that the funds were to flow through the Boone County Commission and the Administrator's salary was to be taken out first, and then the rest of the funds were to be given to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Miller stated that under this Addendum, all of the funds go to the Board of Directors (and they pay the Administrator's salary).

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Addendum between Boone County and Boone Retirement Center and does hereby authorize the Acting-Presiding Commissioner to sign such documents.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked about a statement in the third paragraph of the Addendum which stated that if the Board (of Directors) cannot exercise any oversight supervision or control of Forbis with respect to the general operation of the facility that leaves the County Commission to play the role of supervision.

Commissioner Miller stated that this was what was in the original Agreement.

Commissioner Vogt asked how this was being carried out.

Commissioner Miller stated that Cindy Forbis and Commissioner Stamper had written a report to send to the Division of Aging. She further stated that it might be a good idea to have Cindy Forbis come to a Commission meeting and give a report for the public record once a month prior to sending the report to Aging.

Commissioner Vogt stated this was something that this was an idea that she had also had in mind.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 504-98**

Commissioner Miller stated that a copy of this needed to be sent to the Division of Aging and she also wanted a copy for the Commission's files.

Commissioner Miller reported that Boone Retirement Center was looking at different healthcare benefits. She stated that the Humana Group that Boone County was currently with was thinking about leaving Missouri, therefore she wanted to see if someone in Boone County's health trust organization could look at (a letter she had received) and make a recommendation as to whether a change should be authorized.

Commissioner Miller stated that the trophies from the County Challenge needed to be taken to Cole and Howard Counties. She wanted to know if this should be done at the MAC conference in November.

Commissioner Vogt stated that this was a good idea.

Commissioner Miller asked staff to make arrangements to pick the trophies up and get a new plaque to be presented at the conference.

Commissioner Miller also stated that she went to the MARCIT Public Liabilities Seminar and brought back the annual report of the insurance trust for the public record (which can be found with County Commission Orders for October 20, 1998). She stated that she attended a Y2K compliance discussion that she would report on when all three Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt reported that the Circuit Clerk's Office did not have space for some of their shelving, therefore they had put it upstairs on the third floor of the Boone County Government Center.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45a.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner