

Proposed 2000 Budget

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 Linda Vogt
County Auditor June Pitchford
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The budget hearing was called to order by Commissioner Vogt at 11:00am.

Commissioner Stamper had to attend a PIC meeting in Kansas City, MO and was unable to attend the budget hearing.

Planning and Building Inspection

Stan Shawver stated that the cost of building permits has not increased since 1991. He stated that he would appear before the County Commission in 2000 to request an increase in building permit and inspection fees. He stated that they would develop a fee schedule for the increases.

Commissioner Vogt asked Stan Shawver how similar the Boone County fees were to other cities in Boone County.

Stan Shawver stated that Boone County performs these functions for all cities in Boone County except Columbia and McBaine. He stated that Columbia's fees are higher than the County's and noted that McBaine does not charge for the services.

Stan Shawver also stated that the Planning and Building Inspection Department has some very serious space needs. He noted that at present his department is split between two areas. He also noted that a couple of his staff members would function better in an office, (that would provide more privacy in the handling of sensitive materials) rather than the open space that they currently occupy.

Supplemental Requests

Stan Shawver stated that he is also requesting an additional Planner and Planning Technician.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the department received complaints from the public regarding the amount of time taken to produce results.

Commissioner Miller stated that she often heard positive comments about the department's performance to the effect that it has one of the best turnarounds in the State.

June Pitchford stated that the County should work towards establishing performance standards for each department in order to identify and detect when additional staffing is needed, rather than basing requests for additional staff only on an increasing, departmental workload.

Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Vogt agreed that the County would work toward establishing performance standards in the coming year.

Solid Waste

Stan Shawver stated that the district is considering re-bidding the roll-off contract. He noted that in the past there have been problems with contamination. He stated that Thad Yonke is working on fine-tuning the definition of contamination. He stated that other than the contamination problem, the program seems to be working very well.

Commissioner Vogt stated that Skip Elkin was elected to the Executive Board of the Solid Waste Committee.

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Stan Shawver stated that Thad Yonke would still be the alternate representative for the County and would continue to attend all of the meetings.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the most important thing for Thad Yonke to do is to continue to monitor the activities that are occurring in Boone County and continue to participate in the Solid Waste District for Boone County.

The hearing adjourned at 11:25am.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner