

TERM OF COMMISSION: April Session of the February 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 Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order 9:32pm.

Subject: Public Hearing for the Sale of the Boone Retirement Center

Commissioner Stamper opened a public hearing on behalf of this matter.

Commissioner Miller stated that it was the Commission's intention to work in cooperation with the Hospital Trustees on this matter. She noted that both parties were satisfied in allowing the Trustees to use the Retirement Center, after the new facility is completed and the old Center is no longer needed. She stated that she did not have a problem in allowing the liaison Commissioner to work with legal counsel to draft a contract.

There was no public comment in regards to this matter, and Commissioner Stamper closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Stamper moved to request that the liaison Commissioner for the Boone County Retirement Center work with Legal Counsel to draft a response to the Trustees' Letter of Offer, dated in the year 2000, for Commission review and approval, prior to the return of the response.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 204-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Public Hearing of a Budget Amendment for a Drug Court Grant

Commissioner Stamper stated that at a previous meeting a request from the Adult Court Services, for a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,545.00, was brought forward for approval. He noted that the budget item is a Federal Grant Reimbursement, to be distributed into several accounts.

Commissioner Stamper opened a public hearing in regards to this matter. Hearing no comment, Commissioner Stamper closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve a budget amendment as follows:

ACCOUNT	(decreasing) AMOUNT	(increasing) AMOUNT
1243-03411 (Federal Grant Reimbursement Revenue)		\$5,545.00
1243-37220 (Travel)		\$900.00
1243-37230 (Meals/Lodging)		\$2,632.00
1243-37240 (Registration for Training)		\$1,480.00
1243-59200 (Local Mileage)		\$70.00
1243-71100 (Outside Service)		\$933.00
1243-2300 (Supplies)	\$200.00	

Said amendment is to amend the Drug Court Grant from 1/01/01-9/30/01

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 199-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Cooperative Agreement to the City of Hartsburg for City Grant Money

Commissioner Miller stated that this item is part of the County’s annual Grant process. She noted that this money will allow the City of Hartsburg to improve First Street and Bush Landing Road, by adding lines for pedestrian lanes to the roads, while widening the roads at the same time. She also noted that repairs will be made to the eastern underside portion of the Second Street Bridge.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Road and Bridge Revenue Sharing Funds to the City of Hartsburg, in the amount of \$25,000.00, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreements.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 200-2001**

Subject: Contract Approval for Additional Architectural Services

Commissioner Stamper noted that on Commission Order 388-2000, when the County expanded

its relationship with Peckham and Wright Architects, the language of the order did not include authorizing the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller stated that Peckham and Wright cannot be paid until the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the contract.

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve an extension of the contract with Peckham and Wright Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$3,000.00, for services in addition to those stated in the original contract, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 201-2001**

Subject: Adopt Proclamation for Fair Housing Month

Commissioner Stamper stated that he came across this issue, and determined the matter contained an important statement. He noted that it identifies the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and stated that the County is committed to fair housing wherever possible.

Commissioner Stamper moved to adopt the Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Jessica Robinson, member of the Columbia Board of Realtors, acknowledged her gratitude for declaring April as Fair Housing Month. She noted that the National Association of Realtors, along with the Missouri and Local Association of Realtors have celebrated this event for the past several years.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 202-2001**

Subject: Discussion of an Extended Leave without Pay for a Corrections Technical Support Officer

Ted Boehm, Boone County Sheriff was present on behalf of this issue.

Sheriff Boehm stated that Paul Sargentini was employed as a Corrections Technical Support Officer. In December of 2000, Officer Sargentini was diagnosed with leukemia. He noted that Officer Sargentini used all of his sick leave he had accumulated, at which time Sheriff Boehm granted Officer Sargentini an additional 30 day leave without pay- in accordance with Boone

County Policy.

Sheriff Boehm requested that Officer Sargentini be granted an additional 90 day leave without pay. He noted that Officer Sargentini is continuing to receive chemotherapy, and that the insurance paperwork, for long-term disability, has been sent through the County Clerk's office and will hopefully take effect before the 90-day period is completed.

Commissioner Miller stated that she believed that cases such as these are exactly why the County added disability insurance to its list of benefits for County personnel. She noted that she did not have a problem with granting the additional time being requested.

Commissioner Miller asked if Sheriff Boehm anticipated Officer Sargentini returning to duty.

Sheriff Boehm responded that he did not.

Commissioner Elkin stated he also did not have a problem granting the additional time requested.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize an additional 90-day leave without pay for Corrections Technical Support Officer Paul Sargentini.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 203-2001**

Subject: Purchasing Department

Melinda Bobbitt, Director of Purchasing was present on behalf of these items.

A. First Reading to award a bid for Consensys Furniture by All-Steel

Melinda Bobbitt stated that there had originally been a first reading for this item on April 12, 2001, at which time the Purchasing Department had recommended awarding bid 13-04APR01 to Corporate Express. She stated that since that time, Corporate Express has withdrawn their bid, noting that they were unable to meet their bid price.

Melinda Bobbitt stated that the Purchasing Department is now recommending awarding the bid 13-04APR01 to Smart Business Interiors, noting they had the next best and lowest bid, meeting the minimum bid specifications.

She noted that the total cost of this contract is \$4,400.00, and had been originally budgeted with the Mobile Filing System bid, which has already been awarded. She further noted that with this new contract, the Juvenile Office would still be \$1,600.00 below the budgeted amount.

Commissioner Miller noted her concern with business' being able to bid, and then have the ability to withdraw their bid.

Melinda Bobbitt stated that the Uniform Commercial Code does allow for such an action. She noted that the mistake was a simple miscalculation on Corporate Express' part. She noted that the County could have tried making Corporate Express stick with their bid. She added, however, that the Purchasing Department wants to maintain good vendor relations with Corporate Express, acknowledging that the County does a substantial amount of business with the company.

Commissioner Stamper noted that there is no bidding that could be bonded with this item, as there is with some of the larger projects the County sometimes undertakes.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and requested that the item be returned to the next available meeting for approval.

B. First Reading for the Purchase of a Ricoh Copier

Bettie Johnson, Boone County Recorder of Deeds was present on behalf of this item.

Bettie Johnson stated that she had a copier in her office that quit working. She noted that she made a purchase off the state contract in 2000, but a delay occurred in the Auditor's office- a review of the paperwork by the Purchasing Department. She noted that the process evolved into this year.

Bettie Johnson stated that the paperwork is finally ready to be reviewed by the Commission, for the purchase of the copier from the state contract.

Commissioner Miller asked if the Recorder's office didn't know that the process was going to lead into year 2001.

Bettie Johnson responded that the Recorder's office hadn't anticipated the current copier quitting on them.

Melinda Bobbitt stated Bettie Johnson had been using a previous administrative authority number, which she had been using for years, which kept "spilling through" year-after-year. This year, the number was "kicked out" of the system, and she was aware that she needed a proper Commission Order number for the Purchase of the copier.

Melinda Bobbitt stated that she felt comfortable with the purchase cost, noting that since it is a state contract, it is probably the best and most competitive price available.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this copier was a budgeted item.

Bettie Johnson stated that it was budgeted in last year's budget, but because of the time delay, it is not budgeted in this year's budget. She noted that the copier will be purchased using money from the Recorders' funds.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this the item had been first read into the public record, and requested that the item be returned to the next available meeting for approval.

Subject: Sales Tax Issues with the City of Centralia

Commissioner Elkin stated he had attended a City Council meeting in Centralia, in reference to the Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force the city had created. He stated that the city created a resolution.

Commissioner Elkin read the resolution into the Public Record as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Centralia, Missouri respectfully requests that the Boone County Commission (1) present to the Centralia Board of Aldermen the impact of any proposed sales tax issue before said tax issue is placed on the ballot, (2) formalize how the sales tax funds, if any, will be distributed back to the City of Centralia, and (3) appoint representatives of the City of Centralia to any boards, committees, commissions, or similar bodies, formed by the Boone County Commission to review such issues.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Tom Quinn was appointed to the Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force for Centralia.

Commissioner Elkin continued reading the resolution into the public record as follows:

SECTION 2. The City of Centralia, Missouri wil present to the Boone County Commission any proposed sales tax issue for the City before said tax issue is placed on the ballot for approval by the citizen the City of Centralia.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the resolution was approved on the 19th of March, 2001, and noted that he brought the issue forward to notify the Commission that the City of Centralia simply wants to be "kept in the loop".

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had spoken with the City Manager of Centralia last week, at which time the two discussed a variety of issues, one of those being communications. He noted that he had no objections to the intent of the resolution. He did note, however, that he did take exception with the idea of a city assuming authority on behalf of the County. He stated that there was not a mechanism in the law allowing the City of Centralia to do that.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Law Enforcement sales tax is a County sales tax. He acknowledged their desire for inclusion of that revenue, but noted the decision will rest with the Boone County Commissioners, as the current statues already outline.

Commissioner Stamper noted his belief that there exists a sales tax fear, and acknowledged the more the sales tax rate increase, the more citizen begin to wonder where that money is going. Commissioner Stamper stated that he told the City Manager of Centralia that he wasn't sure where this initiative was going to go. He further noted that the Commissioners should let the process drive the item.

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force Discussion

Commissioner Stamper stated that Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force participated in a Teleconference with the national group this past week. And the end of the meeting, there was a discussion among the committee members present concerning the need for additional resources and input.

Commissioner Stamper stated that by vote of the group, a request has been made that four additional members be added to the Task Force. Those additional four members would be a bail-bonds person, a University and City of Columbia Police Department representative, and Rusty Antell. He noted that the request for Mr. Antell's inclusion to the committee, came on behalf of Gary Ozenhandler, Chair of the Task Force. He further noted that Mr. Antell inclusion on the Task Force is based on the fact that he will be an member of the executive committee and a chair to a given group.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the University police department, the City of Columbia police department, and the bail-bond community all have an impact on the amount of jail-space available in Boone County. He noted that City Police department and the University Police Department have already a representative in mind for the committee.

Commissioner Miller stated her concern with only having the City of Columbia represented on the committee. She noted she didn't want the other cities to feel "left out". She asked Sheriff Boehm approximately how many people are brought in to the jail, from other cities in the County.

Sheriff Boehm stated that it was a small percentage of people. He noted that the number from the University is also a small percentage. He noted his surprise that the Highway Patrol was not asked to be represented on this Task Force.

Commissioner Miller asked Sheriff Boehm if the Highway Patrol should be asked to join the Task Force before the University Police Department.

Sheriff Boehm stated that he didn't mean to suggest that. He noted that he just thought it was odd that the Highway Patrol had not been mentioned for inclusion on the committee. He stated

that the other cities in Boone try using alternatives to incarceration, in the phase of pre-trial, which is why their numbers are lower, in terms of the total jail population.

Commissioner Miller asked if the University Police Department inclusion on the Task Force dealt with having policies outside statute.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they are not outside statute, their policies are simply “different” from that of the general population. He stated that in conversation with Mr. Oxenhandler, he was informed that the representatives on the Task Force would meet the other City Police Chiefs and discuss their concerns, for inclusion in the committee meetings. He noted that the other cities concerns would not be excluded, the cities would simply not be a voting member on the committee.

Commissioner Miller stated that she wanted to know the impact the other cities had on the jail. She noted that if it is a small percentage, it would alleviate much of her concern.

Commissioner Miller asked if the Commission would wait to adopt the Task Force expansion until the next meeting.

Commissioner Stamper noted the time-frame of the next committee meeting.

Commissioner Miller stated that it could effect her vote if the matter went up for adoption today.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the issue could wait until the next meeting.

50th Anniversary Celebration of Fire-In-The-Sky

Greg Wingeir, member of the Cosmopolitan Election Club was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Mr. Wingeir spoke with him about a week ago about to discuss financially assisting the Fire-In-The-Sky Celebration.

Greg Wingeir stated that the Election Club has three major mission goals: A cure for diabetes, Investing in the Columbia Parks and Recreation system, and financial assistance to the Community and local organizations. He stated for the last forty-nine years, the Cosmopolitan Election Club has put-on the Fire-In-The-Sky Celebration in Columbia. He noted for most of those years, the Club has footed the bill itself. However, over the course of time, the price of the fireworks has risen to a point where the club is no longer able to afford to produce the show.

Greg Wingeir stated that the Club has had corporate sponsors, in the past, for the event. He noted the City of Columbia as one of those sponsors. He further noted that this year, the club is unable to fund the Celebration.

Greg Wingeir stated the Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club’s request for the County’s participation in

executing the 50th Celebration this year. He noted that the event is at a point now, where the Club may be unable to have this event in the future, without more support.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had informed Mr. Wingeir previously that he wasn't sure how the County could provide financial assistance, without creating budget problems.

Greg Wingeir stated that there would also be a sizeable advertisement piece for the sponsors, on both television and radio. He noted that the Club is willing to present the County's involvement in those advertisements, any way the Commission would desire. He further noted that this is probably the biggest show in Boone County throughout the year.

Commissioner Stamper stated Mr. Wingeir's concern on the issue of sustainability for the event, in the future, noting that this could be the last year for the event.

Commissioner Elkin stated that he has attended the Celebration in the past, noting that he thinks it is a great event. He stated, however, that the Commission is bombarded by different causes for assistance. He noted that if the County gave to all the groups that requested support, that the County would be unable to fund its own operations. He further noted that he did not want to get into the habit of using public funds to give to organizations. He suggested that Mr. Wingeir might bring the item back for next year's budget.

Greg Wingeir stated that he understood Commissioner Elkin's position, but noted he still wanted to try.

Commissioner Miller stated that she appreciates their support of local organizations, but she had to agree with Commissioner Elkin on the matter.

Commissioner Stamper encouraged Mr. Wingeir to apply for support in the 2002 budget.

Greg Wingeir asked when the 2002 budget will be discussed.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the budget would begin being discussed in late July/ Early August. He noted that a final decision would be made in December.

Report on Health Department Meeting

Commissioner Stamper stated at the last Health Department Meeting, it was reported that the possibility of the West Nile virus occurring in the Columbia/Boone County area in the immediate future. He stated that the virus is spread by mosquitos, and noted that it can be fatal in some cases (such as in the young and the elderly). He stated that he has requested the Health Department notify all County Elected Officials and Departments on this matter.

Report on Flags to be Flown at Half Mast on May 15th

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a press release, noting that Peace Officers Memorial Day has been set for May 15th, 2001. He stated that it has been recommended that all

governmental organizations fly their flags at half mast.

Noting a consensus from Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Elkin on the matter, Commissioner Stamper moved to request and authorize that all flags on County property be flown at half-staff, from the close of business on May 14th to the opening of business on May 16th, in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 205-2001**

Commissioner Miller

Discourse to University Class on 4/20/01

Commissioner Miller stated that she had been asked to teach a class at the University at the Transportation Consortium. She noted that the class was primarily Engineering students, and her lecture focused on dealing with local elected officials (such as how the County determines which proposals go to the voters, and how those proposals are implemented.) She further noted that she was asked to lecture on GASB-34 (concerning accounting principals with the County budget).

Commissioner Miller stated that at this meeting Charlie Nemers, the individual in charge of the Consortium, offered to work with the County on the implementation of GASB-34, during the infrastructure phase. He noted that he would be willing to have students and professors as part of the committee when the issue moves forward. She noted that it was a good opportunity to partner with the University, without having any financial impact to the County.

Commissioner Miller also noted the passing of Cecil Matney. She noted that Mr. Matney was a strong member of the community, active in a number of community events and not-for-profit organizations.

Commissioner Elkin

Report on Farm Bureau Meeting on 4/16/01

Commissioner Elkin stated that he met with Farm Bureau last Monday. He noted one of the key issues discussed concerned transportation. He further noted that I-70 had been discussed, and Farm Bureau mentioned it needs improvement, but had no preference on how this is to be accomplished.

Commissioner Elkin stated that he found it interesting how many of the County Ordinances read, in regards to Agriculture. He noted that it defines agriculture as "Something that provides food or fiber". He noted Farm Bureau's suggestion that Horses could possibly be included in that definition. He stated that farmer's spend money on horses the same way they would on other

livestock.

Commissioner Miller stated that the issue could be brought up in the 3C meeting with Stan Shawver, Planning and Building Inspection Director.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the training of animals was not always considered an agricultural operation. He noted, however, that “only” horses could fall within that criteria.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Farm Bureau had raised a question concerning ditches along roadsides. He stated that the County has given the appearance of “moving away” from cleaning the roadside ditches. He asked if the County had a policy in regards to the matter.

Commissioner Miller stated that ditches are cleaned when the County has no money for gravel. She also noted that when maintenance work on improvements, the time is no longer available for such activities.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there was a time in the County’s history when the Commission ordered that ditches were not to be cleaned-out.

Commissioner Elkin also stated that Andy Stanton will take part in the teleconference with Senator Carnahan’s office.

Report on Community Partnership Meeting on 4/22/01

Commissioner Elkin stated that Dana Crocker, a member of the Community Partnership for the City of Centralia, believed that there may be an interest in having a partnership in the Centralia area. He noted that an informal meeting was held last Sunday, in regards to the issue. At the meeting fifteen people attended. He noted that there will be another meeting in June, after the Citizens in that area have an opportunity to contract other members of the community, to see if there is an interest in this issue.

Report on Boone Retirement Center

Commissioner Elkin stated that he met with Boone Retirement officials, last week. He stated that he and Commissioner Stamper had both received a letter, thanking the two for attending a Certificate of Need hearing in Jefferson City. He noted that the cost overrun was approved by the CON committee.

Commissioner Elkin stated that new Retirement Center construction is underway. He noted that footings are being pouring and underground utilities are being completed.

Commissioner Miller asked what the time-line for the project was.

Commissioner Elkin stated that it should be completed by mid-summer of 2002.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Cindy Forbes, Director of the Boone Retirement Center, is

organizing a new Nursing program in an attempt to utilize the Hispanic community for employment opportunities at the Retirement Center. He noted that Ms. Forbes wants the nursing program to be a bilingual program. He further noted that she is trying to hire an Education Director that is also bilingual.

Commissioner Miller asked if the Retirement Center is full.

Commissioner Elkin answered affirmatively.

Commissioner Elkin stated that at the new center, the hallway will be given street names, which he noted should help take the institutional factor away from the facility.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16pm.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner