

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the October Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Keith Schnarre
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

The budget hearing was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Budget Hearing: Department 1510 (Economic Support – Show-Me State Games)

Ken Ash, Show-Me State Games Director, was present on behalf of this budget hearing.

Ken Ash presented the Commission a packet with statistics for the Show-Me State Games. The direct economic impact for Boone County from the Games is \$9 million and the extended impact is \$17 million.

There were 26,993 participants in the Games in 2004.

Mr. Ash noted the City of Columbia, County Commission, University of Missouri-Columbia and Columbia Public Schools donate funds or facilities for the Show-Me State Games.

Mr. Ash stated the Show-Me State Games originally requested an additional \$10,000 (additional \$5,000 for the Show-Me State Games and an additional \$5,000 for the Senior Games) from the FY2004 funding, for a total request for FY2005 of \$30,000. The Games is requesting the \$10,000 funding increase be withdrawn and request only the base funding of \$20,000.

The Commission and Mr. Ash discussed how much the Games bring to Boone County, economically and through improved health and fitness. There was discussion of the Show-Me Shape Up program.

There was no further discussion on this budget.

The budget hearings recessed at 3:23 p.m.

The budget hearings reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

Budget Hearing: Department 1510 (Economic Support – Columbia Special Business District)

Carrie Gartner, Director of the Columbia Special Business District and Mary Wilkerson, Treasurer of the Columbia Special Business District, were present on behalf of this budget hearing.

Carrie Gartner and Mary Wilkerson discussed the accomplishments of the Special Business District over the past year such as new trash containers, light poles, and promotion of festivals across the state.

The 2004 Twilight Festival had 81,000 people attend and brought in approximately \$4 million in sales to the SBD.

The SBD is working on beautification and in fill development.

The Commission, Mrs. Gartner and Mrs. Wilkerson discussed how other businesses are assessed. The funding is from a property tax assessment of \$0.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation. There was discussion of asking Churches to contribute to the funding.

Mrs. Gartner stated the SBD is requesting \$7,500.00 for FY2005. The FY2004 funding was \$7,000.00.

Commissioner Miller stated the Commission is not sure the County can afford the increase in funding.

There was no further discussion on this budget.

The budget hearings adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Keith Schnarre
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner