

TERM OF COMMISSION: July Session of the July Adjourned Term

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Commission Elkin acted as Presiding Commissioner in the absence of Commissioner Schnarre.

Subject: Employee of the 2nd Quarter Recognition

Lisa Roland, Employee Suggestion and Recognition Committee member, stated the Committee met and voted David White of the Assessor's Office the Employee of the Second Quarter.

Tom Schauwecker, Boone County Assessor, congratulated David on this recognition. He stated David has is a licensed broker and that is a good background for appraising. He was a temporary employee in the Collector's office before beginning work in the Assessor's office. David is a great employee and Mr. Schauwecker thanked him for all of this hard work.

David White thanked the Collector's office for the opportunity to work with the public which has helped him with his job in the Assessor's office.

Subject: Purchasing Department – First Reading of Request to Cancel and Re-Award bid 37-17MAY05 (Tandem Axle Dump Trucks)

Heather Turner, Purchasing Department Buyer, was present on behalf of this item.

Heather Turner stated Purchasing and the Public Work's department request cancellation of contract 37-17MAY05 with Lou Fusz Chevrolet for Tandem Axle Dump Trucks. This contract was given Commission Order #261-2005; the associated Purchase Order is #2005000264.

The contractor notified the Purchasing Department that the price quoted in the bid for an extended warranty was for one (1) truck rather than a total price for all three trucks. After recalculating the total cost, Lou Fusz is no longer the low bidder. Therefore, we request cancellation of this contract.

The Bid for Tandem Axle Dump Trucks closed on May 17, 2005. Four bids were received. The apparent low bidder, Lou Fusz Chevrolet, provided a price for an extended

warranty that only covered one truck. After calculating that cost for three trucks, Lou Fusz is no longer the low bidder. Therefore, Purchasing and the Public Works Department recommend awarding to the actual low bid, Al Scheppers Motor Co.

Total cost of the contract is \$343,140.00 to be paid out of department 2040-Public Works Maintenance Operations, Account 92400-Replacement Auto/Trucks. The budgeted amount for this purchase was \$344,900.00.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Office of Community Service

A. First Reading of Homemaker/Personal and Respite Care Services Contract with Premier Home Health Care

Commissioner Elkin stated the Office of Community Services is recommending the addition of Premier Home Health Care to the list of approved home health care vendors eligible to provide services to Boone County funded clients.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

B. First Reading of Increase in Reimbursement Rate for Homemaker/Personal Care and Respite Care Services

Commissioner Miller stated the State of Missouri has notified the Office of Community Services that the rate of reimbursement for Homemaker/Personal Care and Respite Care Services has increased to the following rates effective July 1, 2005:

Homemaker/Personal Care Services: *Old Rate* - \$3.49 per ¼ hour, *New Rate* - \$3.65 per ¼ hour

Respite Care Services: *Old Rate* - \$3.03 per ¼ hour, *New Rate* - \$3.19 per ¼ hour

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Child Support – First Reading of Level B-Child Support Enforcement Cooperative Agreement

Barbara Morris, Child Support Program Administrator, was present on behalf of this item.

Barbara Morris stated this is an annual agreement with the State so Boone County Child Support can work on cases sent to them by the state because the State cannot settle them. These cases may be from other counties and have many different originating sources such as divorce cases.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Court Administrator – First Reading of Family Court Supplemental Cooperative Agreement

Kathy Lloyd, Court Administrator, was present on behalf of this item.

Kathy Lloyd stated this is also an annual agreement with the State that coincides with the Child Support agreement just discussed. This is for reimbursement when Court Marshals are in the court for cases.

Commissioner Miller noted the blank for expenditures has not been filled in. Mrs. Lloyd stated this is a combination of the Child Support and Courts budget. She will discuss this with the County Auditor before the second reading.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Collector's Office

Patricia S. Lensmeyer, Boone County Collector, was present on behalf of these items.

A. First Reading of Tax Collection Agreement with City of Hallsville

Patricia Lensmeyer stated this is similar to other Tax Collection Agreements. The agreement was approved by Hallsville on July 29.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

B. First Reading of Tax Collection Agreement with City of Harrisburg

Mrs. Lensmeyer stated this is similar to other Tax Collection Agreements. The agreement was approved by Harrisburg.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

C. First Reading of Request to Compromise taxes and special assessment on parcel 11-619-24-00-001.03

Mrs. Lensmeyer stated she is requesting the Boone County Commission compromise taxes for tax bill years 2003 and 2004 and NID annual special assessment for 2003 on parcel number 11-619-24-00-001.03 in the name of NBC, Inc.

Section 140.120 RSMo. authorizes that taxes may be compromised:

140.120. If it appears to any county commission, that any tract of land or town lot contained in the back tax book is not worth the amount of taxes, interest and cost due thereon, as charged in the back tax book or that the same would not sell for the amount of the taxes, interest and cost, the commission may compromise the taxes with the owner of the tract or lot. Upon payment to the collector of the amount agreed upon, a certificate of redemption shall be issued under the seal of the commission, which shall release the lands from the lien of the state and all taxes due thereon, as charged on the back tax book. If the commission compromises and accepts a less amount than appears to be due on any tract of land or town lot, as charged on said back tax book, the commission shall order the amount so paid to be distributed to the various funds to which the taxes are due, in proportion as the amount received bears to the whole amount charged against the tract or lot.

And section 67.469 RSMo. stipulates that NID assessments are treated same as real estate taxes regarding the lien held by the county:

67.469. A special assessment authorized under the provisions of sections 67.453 to 67.475 shall be a lien, from the date of the assessment, on the property against which it is assessed on behalf of the city or county assessing the same to the same extent as a tax upon real property. Upon the foreclosure of any such lien, the entire remaining assessment shall become due and payable and shall be recoverable in such foreclosure proceeding.

Since completion of Clearview Drive under the NID, this parcel is substantially now the road and easement except for a small portion. The County maintains all of Clearview Drive.

A lien search was completed by Monarch Title Company and found there to be no liens on the property.

The parcel has no relative value other than for the road and is not worth the taxes and remaining unpaid special assessment bill. NBC, Inc. refuses to continue to pay the taxes on this parcel. Foreclosure through the tax sale is impractical because of the location and value of this property.

The parcel was sold at tax sale in 1998. A collector's deed was not issued as the property was redeemed. At that time, the property was owned by Payne Enterprises, Inc. but redeemed on behalf of the owner by Lonnie Nichols Trucking and Excavating, Inc. That same day, the property ownership was transferred from Payne Enterprises, Inc. to NBC, Inc.

All Clearview NID assessments are paid in full except for the 2003 bill on this parcel. This unpaid bill is keeping the NID from being closed out. Kay Murray, Boone County Treasurer, has verified that enough money is available without the outstanding amount of the NID 2003 bill.

John Patton, County Counselor, has reviewed the information and prepared a Quit-Claim Deed by which NBC, Inc. transfers ownership of the parcel to the county. Lonnie Nichols, President of NBC, Inc. has agreed to sign the Quit-Claim Deed.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Job Classification Committee – Second Reading and Approval of Recommendation to reclassify a position in the Assessor's Office

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the recommendation from the Job Classification Committee to reclassify the Office Specialist position in the Assessor's Office to a Personal Property Clerk position.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 292-2005**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Bank Depository Contract

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Depository Agreement with First National Bank of Columbia, Missouri.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 293-2005**

Subject: First Reading of Revisions to Chapters II, IV, and VI of the Boone County Code of Health Regulations

Commissioner Miller stated this is the process to codify the Health Regulation. This also allows for changes that were made during last year's legislative session. Some of those changes were to allow counties to tax bill properties with nuisance problems that cannot otherwise be resolved and allow the Health Department Director to make the decisions previously made by the Small On-Site Wastewater Board of Review.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Appointment to Mental Health Board of Trustees

Commissioner Miller moved to appoint Rich Sternadori to the Boone County Mental Health Board of Trustees for an interim term to expire on May 13, 2007.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 294-2005**

Subject: Authorize Closed Session (610.021.2 RSMo.)

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a closed session on Thursday, July 28, 2005 immediately following the regularly scheduled 1:30 p.m. Commission Meeting. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized 610.021(2) RSMo. to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 295-2005**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Miller

National Association of Counties Annual Conference and Presentation of Award

Commissioner Miller stated she attended the NACo Annual meeting last week. This was her last meeting as an officer and is proud of the work she accomplished while an officer. Many of the suggestions she made as an officer are still being used, such as the inclusion of other elected officials associations in county government and opening the appointment process.

She brought back information about homeland security, youth sports, sewers, and many other items.

NACo is working on the methamphetamine epidemic. There was a press conference a few weeks ago. She also viewed a documentary film about a woman who was addicted to meth. This was an eye opening film for her to watch. She brought back information for the Sheriff to review.

All resolutions that were passed were brought back for other office holders to review.

NACo is working on a prescription drug program to allow for free prescriptions for people who qualify. She will discuss this further with the Health Department.

Commissioner Miller stated Boone County received an award for the access of government through its web page. She thanked all the Information Technology staff for their hard work on the web page. The County will work on items to better the web page and have more access.

Mike Mallicoat, Information Technology Director, stated Boone County was the only county of this size to receive this honor in Missouri. He will bring suggestions for improvement to future ITAC meetings.

Commissioner Elkin

No reports at this time.

Public Comment

Rex Taggart, Public Works Union representative, brought forward concerns of some of the employees. Mr. Taggart stated employees are concerned with the amount of work that is being contracted out. He asked if there were any guidelines to having a project contracted out.

Commissioner Miller asked if the employees do not have enough work to do. Mr. Taggart stated that is the impression that he has been given from the employees. They would like to have more work because they are only doing small tasks.

Commissioner Miller stated the Commission's goal for this year was to keep the maintenance of the roads up.

The employees are also concerned about training at High Hill. They will not receive their pay increases if they do not have the proper training.

Commissioner Miller stated there are many who have taken all the classes offered at High Hill. She noted High Hill did not want a contract. The County wanted to do a joint contract with the City. County representatives who went to High Hill did not receive a good reception.

Mr. Taggart stated he heard the opposite, that they were welcomed. He wants to put the pressure on High Hill to allow the County employees to attend that training facility rather than the facility in Mr. Sterling, Illinois because this local union is attached with the Illinois union.

Commissioner Elkin stated the Commission wants all employees to receive the best training.

Mr. Taggart stated the final concern is that employees are having their time sheets changed without them signing.

Commissioner Elkin stated the Commission will look into the issues brought forward by Mr. Taggart and will be in contact with him.

There was no further public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest:

Keith Schnarre
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner