

TERM OF COMMISSION: January Session of the November 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
County Counsel John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:35pm.

Subject: Approval of Contracts for Community Education on Stormwater with the University of Missouri and James R. Davis

David Nichols, Project Engineer stated that these contracts are in renewal of the services that the University provided to the County last year. He stated that the community watershed partnerships were formed last year. He noted that this year, the agreements would satisfy other EPA Stormwater Regulations requirements. He stated that the entities involved would be attempting to develop a stormwater webpage. He further noted that these agreements are in conjunction with the city of Columbia.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the Agreement between Boone County and the University of Missouri Curators for an Environmental Educator and services related to the implementation of the EPA Clean Water Act Phase II Stormwater Regulations, through the “Community Storm Water Project.” It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper thanked David Nichols for his effort on the stormwater project. He stated that the EPA has set forth new, stormwater regulations that would radically affect the County’s road construction, housing developments, and other projects.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 7-2001**

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the Agreement between Boone County and James R. Davis, Consultant for services in connection with the implementation of the EPA Clean Water Act Phase II Stormwater Regulations through the “Community Storm Water Project.” It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 8-2001**

Subject: Change Order No. 2 for the Cedar Gate Neighborhood Improvement District

John Watkins, Project Development Manager stated that the County has been waiting on APAC to return the necessary documentation to the Public Works Department in order to bring this change order to the County Commission agenda. He stated that this change order would close-out the project.

Commissioner Stamper asked if this change order has been completed.

John Watkins answered affirmatively.

John Watkins stated that this change order was for pipe that the County agreed to pick up. He stated that APAC finally responded with the cost of the pipe.

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve Change Order No. 2 of the Cedar Gate Neighborhood Improvement District Project with APAC-Missouri Inc. Richardson Bass Division in the contract amount of \$1,5451.50 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign said change order.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 9-2001**

Subject: Approval of an Agreement with the University of Missouri for Medical Examiner Services in the year of 2001

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Agreement between Boone County and the University of Missouri Curators for Medical Examiner Services in the year 2001 with terms and conditions as outlined. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that this agreement is to formalize the relationship that the County has for medical examiner/death investigator services.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 10-2001**

Subject: Authorization of Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1,2, 3, and 13) RSMo.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a closed meeting to be held **in Rm 220** of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; as authorized by Section 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 therefore; as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and as authorized by Section 610.021 (13) RSMo. to discuss the individually, identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or application for employment.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 11-2001**

Subject: Discussion on Bonding Requirements for Developers

Commissioner Stamper stated that it has come to the County Commission's attention that the County's bonding process for major developments is very difficult. He stated that the developers would prefer to use cash, credit, or a certificate of deposit in these kinds of situations. He stated that the County Commission has requested that John Patton, County Counsel and Stan Shawver, Planning and Building Inspection Director review whether any additional authority could be granted to the County Commission regarding the bonding process.

Subject: Report on Boone County Jail Study and Phase II Expansion

Commissioner Stamper stated that this report is from the meeting held on December 18, 2000. He stated that the County met with a group to go over the cost projections for the Jail study. He stated that the following was discussed at the meeting: sentencing issues and dynamics of what is going on in the populations. He stated that the County requested that the architect present updated projections for bed space for the next ten years. He stated that some of the figures were adjusted upward in order to reflect the increased Jail population in recent months.

Commissioner Stamper noted that about 34% of the inmates are commits or people who are serving longer than usual terms.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he was pleased to be able to report and release the information provided by the architect on the coming needs and demands on the Boone County Jail.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the group also took another look at the finances to meet those demands. He stated that the completion of the expansion project would be (tentatively) 18-24 months after the ballot issue (if approved). He stated that the total cost would be approximately 14.5 million for the expansion of the Boone County Jail to a 162-bed facility.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County is also proposing the establishment of a building adjacent to the Boone County Jail for administrative functions, lesser offenders, and to expand the incentive to work and work release programs.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the 14.5 million figure does not reflect increased staffing and operational costs. He noted that the spreadsheet on Jail populations was also included in the report.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he met with the Courthouse architect (Peckham & Wright) to discuss the plans, timeline, and potential economic numbers for the Courthouse expansions. He stated that they anticipated that the architect would return the final Courthouse cost estimate and space needs study in time for a report the Commission agenda on January 11, 2001. He stated that there is also a pending staffing study for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Stamper invited Sheriff Boehm forward for comments.

Sheriff Boehm stated that the final, Sheriff's Department staff study has been completed. He stated that the Sheriff's Department is working with DMG Maximus on a presentation to be given at a County Commission meeting in the upcoming week.

Commissioner Miller stated that she received a call about something that occurred at the Jail. She stated that the caller talked about the fact that 80% of the people at the Boone County Jail are there on arraignment.

Sheriff Boehm stated that probably about 75% of the inmates are waiting on pre-trial activities.

Commissioner Miller stated that the caller suggested that perhaps there was a need for more pre-sentence investigators to allow people to get out of jail while they are waiting. She stated that this could be an issue that should be reviewed, in order to decrease the need for more bed space.

Sheriff Boehm stated that every person committed to the Boone County Jail is appointed a bond investigator. He stated that he did not know how long it takes to be appointed a bond investigator however. He stated that there have been discussions about making office space at the Jail for bond investigators in order to speed up the process.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he wanted to clarify that the Sheriff's staffing study relates only to additional law enforcement officers. He stated that there are three components to capital project: the capital expense portion of expansion project (which is 14.5 million), an ongoing operation expense that has not been identified and is estimated to be about 2.million, and then a question of additional enforcement needs.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the former Jail Task Force, elected officials, and departments involved have been invited to review the progress made on the Jail Task recommendations on January 17, 2001.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would need to hold a work session after January 17th to discuss the ongoing operating costs, the projected cost of additional enforcement, and the ballot language. He stated that another work session should also be held before the tentative adoption date of the ballot language on January 23rd. He stated that the County must submit its ballot language to the County Clerk by January 23rd in order to meet the deadline for the April 2001 election.

Sheriff Boehm suggested to Commissioner Miller that she recommend to other callers that they attend the January 17th meeting in order obtain more information.

Subject: Boone County Real Estate Tax Receipt for Booneslick Trail (property)

Commissioner Stamper noted that this document was forwarded to him by Sid Powell.

Subject: Capital Credit Refund Check from Boone County Electric Cooperative to Boone County for \$320.12

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County has received a capital credit refund check in the amount of \$320.12 for paying the utility bills for the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper reported that he has been involved in discussions concerning the proposed Health facility. He stated that it was his belief that information concerning the various options would be coming forward later this week for the County Commission to review.

Commissioner Stamper reported that he is attempting to set up a work session with Barbara Weaver, Hospital Trustee about aspects of the Boone Hospital Center (draft) lease. He stated that he has requested that John Patton, County Counsel be involved in the drafting of the lease.

Commissioner Stamper applauded the Public Works Department for their responsiveness to the recent snow and icy weather conditions. He stated that he had heard numerous positive, comments from the public regarding the Public Works Department's efforts.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller did not give reports.

Commissioner Elkin

Commissioner Elkin did not give reports.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner