

TERM OF COMMISSION: February 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
Acting-Deputy County Clerk Diane Buchmann

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order at 9:34am.

Commissioner Stamper noted the Adjourned term (today) meeting would be the only, official one held by the County Commission the entire week. He noted that the County Commissioners would be attending their annual training the remainder of the week.

Subject: Conditions for Sale of Boone Retirement Center to Boone Hospital Center

Barton Boyle, Chairman of the Boone County Senior Citizen Services Corporation was present on behalf of this agenda item.

Commissioner Stamper stated for the public record that the Boone County Commission has been working with the Boone County Senior Citizens Services Corporation for some time to establish a new facility. He stated that the new facility is a critical component of the future of the organization (BCSCSC). He stated that the citizens of Boone County own the building that the BCSCSC currently resides in. He stated that if the building is vacated by BCSCSC, the County would have the option of utilizing the building for other purposes. Commissioner Stamper asked Commissioner Elkin for introductory comments.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Barton Boyle contacted him last week regarding the proposed sale of the existing center to Boone Hospital Center. He stated that there was concern from the Senior Center Board about the sale would impact operations at Boone Retirement Center up until the time of their relocation. He stated that Mr. Boyle was present to request clarification on that from the County Commission.

Barton Boyle asked if the sale of the property would occur before Boone Retirement Center actually vacates the property.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not believe that this would occur. He stated that there is a possibility that a contract would be signed between Boone County and the Hospital Trustees. He stated that actually possession or ownership of the facility would not occur until Boone Retirement Center vacated the premises.

Commissioner Miller stated that it was her goal from the beginning to ensure that Boone Retirement Center did not feel pressure to "hurry-up" the expansion or pay rent to someone else.

Barton Boyle stated that things such as what Commissioner Miller mentioned were his primary concerns as well as other issues that were negotiated by Boone County such as parking. He stated that BRC also owes Boone County a considerable amount of money for other objects and equipment inside the facility. He stated that the board would be pleased to hear that the County had already addressed those issues. He further noted that tentative date for the relocation of the facility was Spring 2002.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County would never want to do anything that would disturb the function of the Boone Retirement Center. He stated that BRC would be ready to relocate by Spring 2002.

Commissioner Stamper informed Commissioner Elkin that typically the County Commission receives an annual report from the Boone Retirement Center board of directors. He stated that perhaps it could be time to schedule another one.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it would make sense for the County and the Hospital Trustees to reach some sort of agreement. He stated the future of what would be the old Boone Retirement Center building should be discussed in a public hearing format to invite public comment. He requested that a public hearing on the sale of Boone Retirement Center should be set as a public hearing at the County Commission next evening meeting.

Commissioner Stamper invited Barbara Weaver, Hospital Trustee forward for comments.

Barbara Weaver stated that the Commission had addressed a number of her concerns. She stated that the Boone Hospital Center was interested in having the plans on paper in order to aid in development of their future master site plan for the building.

Subject: Discussion on funding for the Columbia/Boone County Health Department

Commissioner Stamper stated that City Manager Ray Beck has expressed his desire that the County formalize its discussions and preferences about the funding and cost of the new facility. He stated that June Pitchford, County Auditor drew up a list of questions that the Commission should answer before formalizing its plans. He stated that Commissioner Elkin suggested that the Commission hold a work session to sort through the questions and the list of preferences that the Commission had expressed previously.

Subject: Discussion on Law Enforcement Sales Tax

Commissioner Miller stated that having reviewed the issues with several departments, she was both disappointed and encouraged. She stated that she was disappointed that she did not feel the Commission could go forward with the April sales tax ballot question. She stated however that she was encouraged by her discussion with all three departments (Courts, Prosecutor, and Sheriff) since all are willing to sit down and discuss the issues together

Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission has heard so many comments about not having a band-aid fix, but rather a long-term solution. She stated that in her mind, by only outlining the structured Jail/Courthouse expansion and ongoing operations at the Sheriff's Department, this would create a band-aid solution. She stated that she felt that the 2/10¢ sales tax ongoing would allow a proactive approach to the needs of the County. She stated that she would still be very supportive of an ongoing sales tax, but understood the concerns of the citizens wanting to know how long the tax would be needed and how soon the officers would be on the street.

Commissioner Miller stated that the County Commission should stay on top of the issue, and work on it on a weekly basis until a solution is determined. She also reiterated her desire for a citizen input committee. She stated that as of today, it would be in everyone's best interest to remove the issue from the ballot.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the same issues that were discussed a couple of weeks ago when the issue was placed on the ballot are still looming. He stated that the County Commission should continue to examine the issue. He stated that a lot of discussion and dialogue has been generated within the community, so it would be a good idea to focus that energy into moving forward with the issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he spent the last ten days thinking about this issue, including some very intense discussions with colleagues from around the country who are also dealing with this issue. He stated that these discussions reaffirmed his opinion that a comprehensive solution would be the only reasonable approach.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the decision was made to put the issue on the ballot two weeks ago to try to create enough revenue to solve the immediate needs. He stated that this approach was a response to a criminal justice system. He stated that it was unfortunate that everyone was not on the same page with that approach, however the Commission had no choice but to pull this issue from the ballot and revisit the issue. He stated that a lot of jurisdictions are using a task force/stakeholders review setup to address this issue. He stated also that it would be important to take a comprehensive look for a solution of the system and not "be pinched by a deadline."

Commissioner Stamper stated that he visited with a number of the community stakeholders. He stated that it would be up to the Commission to develop a mission statement and charge for the group that they assemble.

Commissioner Miller moved to void Commission Order 33-2001 relating to the calling of an election to be held on the 3rd day of April for the purpose of submitting to the voters a ballot issue for a law enforcement sales tax.

The Commission further directs legal counsel and the county clerk to petition to the Circuit Court of Boone County pursuant to the provisions of 115.127.3 to request removal of the issue from the

April 3, 2001 election ballot.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 51-2001**

Commissioner Stamper stated that the action that was taken was not in the interest of one department or multiple departments, but rather in the interest of the criminal justice system and the recognition that it must be addressed as a system.

Subject: Adopt Memorandum of Understanding between Boone County and Public Service Employees Local 1274

Commissioner Stamper stated that this item was read into the public record last week. He asked John Patton, Legal Counsel to give his thoughts and opinions on the document.

John Patton stated that the current agreement would not differ substantially from the last 3-yr agreement. He stated that there were very few changes (clarifications and language corrections). He stated that he sent the documents to the Union representative in Troy, MO to obtain his signature. He stated that the County Commission would need to authorize the County to enter into the agreements. He stated that the County Commission would sign the documents once they are returned.

Commissioner Miller asked David Mink, Public Works Director if he had any thoughts or concerns.

David Mink stated that one of the issues changed in the document was an increase in the crew leader pay from 3% to 5%. He stated that this would have a budget impact of only \$3,600.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Boone County and the Public Service Employees Local 1274 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the document.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that by signing the document the County Commission would be entering into a three-year agreement.

Commissioner Stamper called for public comment.

There was no one who requested recognition.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 52-2001**

Subject: Authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Easements for the AmerenUE Energy Center pending final changes

Commissioner Stamper stated that this item was introduced last week. He reviewed the details of the project as stated in the Commission meeting on February 1, 2001.

John Patton stated that he received clarification that this would be a 12-inch stainless steel gasline that would extend from along the right of way on Prathersville Rd south along the State Hwy 63 right of way. He stated that the gas regulator station would be a small, shed-type building on a 50' by 50' easement.

John Patton stated that he discussed his concern about the County's future use of the road easement with the proper representatives. He stated that the County would want to have some language in the road easement that would give the County the latitude to relocate this easement in the future as long as AmerenUE would have reasonable access. He stated that the right of way agent did not have a problem with this arrangement, however he had not received the document back stating that as of yet.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve a request for Easements for AmerenUE for the purposes of a gas regulation building on the described property and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the documents.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller asked Commissioner Stamper if he discussed with the representatives exactly where the building would sit on the property.

Commissioner Stamper stated that AmerenUE was fairly limited in how far south they could go, however they did shift south as far as they could at his request.

The motion passed 3-0. Order

Subject: Governmental Relations Interview

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission is having trouble setting up a time for the Governmental Relations interview. He stated that the County Commission would probably just have to set a date and have as many people attend as possible.

The County Commission agreed to set the Governmental Relations Interview for the morning of February 16th.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Boone Retirement Center appraisals

Commissioner Stamper stated that the public hearing date for the sale has been set for February 27th. He stated that the appraisals have been returned and the Hospital Trustees had sent over a proposals based on a compromise of the two appraisals. He stated that it would be the County Commission's intent to go through a public hearing process regarding the building.

Barbara Weaver stated that the amount agreed upon by the Hospital Trustees was \$950,000. She stated that this was mid-range of the two appraisals. She stated that the trustees are anxious to get the details worked out..

Windy Point

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County has been sued by the developers of Windy Point.

Human Resources activities

Commissioner Stamper stated that he met with Betty Dickneite earlier this week. He stated that a question was raised regarding whether clerical employees are entitled to the shift differential. He stated that he asked Betty Dickneite to refer this question to the Personnel Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he also received an update on the recruitment efforts for a number of positions including the Facilities Maintenance Manager position.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Betty Dickneite has concerns regarding the Human Resources website and whether or not it was being kept current.

Commissioner Miller stated that the new person in Information Technology that would handle web updates officially started working today. She stated that this person would help keep the sites current.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County receives a variety of employee suggestions.

Commissioner Miller stated that the County Commission was to review those suggestions to decide if there was interest in implementing them. She stated that if there was interest and the suggestion effected another department, then the suggestion would be forwarded to that department for feedback.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there are a number of departments that have not forwarded their information for the Classification Pay Plan consultant to review.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Human Resources Department will receive an intern from Advent enterprises that will work for about four hours a day.

Hand Washing Lavatory for the Columbia/Boone Health Department

Commissioner Stamper stated that this unit was designed by students of the University of

Missouri. He stated that it is a portable unit for use picnics, outdoor activities, etc.

Red Cross Blood Drive on January 17, 2001

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County received a thank you letter from Red Cross regarding the generosity of its employees

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner