

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Year End Closing Statements of HUD (Vouchers and Certificates)

Barbara Johnson and Anita Sanderson were present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Voucher for Payment of Annual Contributions and Operating Statements, form HUD-52681. Said documents are the March 31, 2001 year-end close forms for the Certificate and Voucher projects for FY2001.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 212-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of JAIBG Juvenile Accountability Grants

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the JAIBG Juvenile Accountability Grant, in the amount of \$6,935.26, and authorizes the Presiding Commissioner to sign any necessary documentation.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 213-2001**

Subject: Public Works Department

David Mink, Public Works Director was present on behalf of these items.

A. First Reading of Benson Road Revised Scope Proposal Presentation

John P. Watkins II, Public Works Department was present on behalf of this item.

John Watkins presented a map to the Commission, showing the proposed revision work to the Benson Road Project.

David Mink stated that the construction for this project would begin next year, and noted that there would be a significant amount of savings in the construction cost from the initial concept for the road-work.

John Watkins stated that the road-work would help improve traffic flow in the area. He stated that he is proposing using full-dip asphalt near the truck entrance to the road, noting that it should help to lessen road damage from the amount of traffic the entrance currently receives.

John Watkins stated that one of the main issues that will be addressed with this road-work will be fixing the drainage problems, currently present on Benson Road. He noted that in some places, the road will be raised as much as three feet to allow for proper drainage. He stated that Chip and Seal would be used on the portion of the road, prior to the railroad tracks, as a cost-savings measure. He stated that the land owners were pleased with the revised proposal, noting they had some concerns about dust coming-off of the road.

Commissioner Elkin asked what was the traffic count on the road.

John Watkins responded that it was thirty-two vehicles a day.

Commissioner Elkin asked what was the traffic count near the truck entrance for the road.

John Watkins responded that it was 251 vehicles a day.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the amount of traffic on the road fluctuated depending on any nearby road-work being done. He asked if it would be possible to bid the in-between sections of Benson Road for asphalt.

David Mink responded affirmatively. He stated the main concern was addressing the major drainage problems currently on the road. He noted that the land by the road is very flat, which creates these drainage problems. David Mink stated that the revised scope for this project should create a total savings of about \$500,000.

Commissioner Stamper suggested that a base bid with a possible alternative for asphalt, for the in-between sections on Benson Road, be considered by the County, before approval of this project.

Commissioner Elkin asked, in regards to the Chip and Seal section of the road, if the County could go back later and place an overlay on the road.

David Mink responded affirmatively, noting that Public Works can put a different surface on the road. He noted that the current revised scope for the road also eliminates the need for shoulders on the sides of the Benson Road.

John Watkins stated that there would be a fifty-foot right of way with the road.

Commissioner Stamper asked if it the lawn-owners' feelings in regards to this last issue was known.

John Watkins responded that he did not know.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the project should not go forward without this information. He stated that the Mayor of Sturgeon should also be contacted for his opinion on the matter.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record. He noted that the item would be returned for further discussion and possible approval after the appropriate information had been gathered by Public Works.

B. First Reading of Agreement with Water District #9 for Construction Services Inspection

David Nichols, Public Works Department was present on behalf of this item.

David Nichols stated that this agreement is a scaled-down agreement with Water District #9, in which several Water Lines will need to be re-located. He stated that there will be some slight down-time and service outages, due to the proposed work. He noted that the contract will not exceed \$500, and the work associated with this project should only take one day.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this agreement is essentially paying the contractor to inspect the relocated Water Lines.

David Nichols responded affirmatively, noting that there would be two locations and two drives that will be inspected under this agreement.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and should be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

C. First Reading of General Consultant Services Agreement with the Larkin Group

Commissioner Stamper stated that he was unfamiliar with the Larkin Group.

David Nichols stated that the Larkin Group is a private consulting firm from Kansas City.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and should be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

D. Discussion of Vandiver Drive Extension

Commissioner Stamper stated that Commissioner Miller had informed him that the funding to the Vandiver Drive Extension Project will need to be adjusted. He stated that Commissioner Miller is seeking permission to schedule two payments from the County for next year (2002), and a balloon payment for the following year (2003). He stated that this issue is time-sensitive, and noted that two payments next year may create some budgetary problems.

Commissioner Elkin asked how much would the payment be for next year.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it would be \$292,000. He noted that more could be awarded this year, because no payment as-of-yet had been made.

By consensus agreement, Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Elkin agreed to allow Commissioner Miller, liaison Commissioner to Public Works, to begin talks to the Contractor in regards to this issue.

Commissioner Stamper asked if Chip and Seal would be used on the Extension.

David Mink responded that he did not know.

Commissioner Stamper asked if this project was scheduled to begin next year.

John Watkins responded affirmatively.

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Boone County Juvenile Justice Center 2000 Annual Report

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a copy of the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) annual report, outlining events at JJC. He stated that the JJC is one of Boone County's "Best Kept Secrets", and noted that the document is available for public viewing in the Clerk's office.

Use of GroupWise as "Official Phone Directory" Report

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would like this report moved to the next Commission meeting, noting that he would like Commissioner Miller to be present on the item.

Letter Regarding Mark Twain National Forest

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a letter regarding the Mark Twain National Forest, noting that public comment is currently being taken by the Forest Service for amending the Forest Plan. He noted that this is an enormous forest, stretching beyond the boundaries of Boone County. He stated that the letter is available in the Clerk's office, for anyone interested in obtaining information on this matter.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he and Commissioner Elkin attended a breakfast this morning, in honor of National Day of Prayer. He stated that today is the National Day of Prayer, and noted that a Proclamation had been adopted by the Commission, at a previous meeting, in order to recognize this event.

Commissioner Elkin

Meeting with Columbia Youth Sports Association Report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he attended the Youth Sports Association Meeting, noting that many of the sports groups were present (Volleyball was not in attendance). He stated that the groups mentioned what their needs are.

Commissioner Elkin stated that he also reported on the Fairgrounds progress at the meeting. He noted that between 5-6,000 children are involved with youth sports. He further noted that there are a shortage of playing fields in Columbia.

Meeting with Smart Growth Coalition Report

Commissioner Elkin stated he had attended the Smart Growth Meeting, where general growth in Ashland was discussed. He also noted that a discussion of sewers and stormwater development was also discussed at the meeting.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the Smart Growth Coalition reported that it wants to help the County in impact fees. He noted that several other issues were discussed, such as "Balanced Growth", Phillips Track, and Open Space Conservation.

Meeting with Soil and Water Conservation District Report

Commissioner Elkin stated that the Soil and Water Conservation District met today, where work done for the County was discussed. He noted that the meeting focused primarily on work done in Columbia and in the watershed district. He further noted to those in attendance, that they talk to Commissioner Miller and Jim Davis in regards to stormwater issues.

Commissioner Stamper stated that to help eliminate confusion on his part, regarding stormwater issues, a work session should be scheduled in the immediate future.

Commissioner Elkin noted the Soil and Water Conservation's concerns regarding how stormwater development would affect agriculture.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner