

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the August 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 Linda Vogt  
Deputy County Clerk Michelle Malaby  
County Counselor John Patton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**SUBJECT: Discuss Establishing Separate Fund for Hospital Profit Sharing Revenue**

Auditor June Pitchford reviewed her memorandum to the County Commission dated August 14, 1996. Ms. Pitchford recommended cumulative profit share money the county has received be identified and placed in a separate fund. The money would be clearly identified. It would restore stability to the general fund which has fluctuated widely in years profit share money has been received. It will eliminate the appearance of a "growing fund balance." As Treasurer Kay Murray has pointed out, the funds will also earn their own interest.

Commissioner Stamper asked if Ms. Pitchford can predict the fund balance for 1997?

Ms. Pitchford replied she intends to present a budget to the commission which does not draw down the fund balance significantly. If the commission took action today to segregate the profit share money, it would reduce the undesignated fund balance to about 4.4 million. She would expect to present a budget to the commission which would preserve that level.

Commissioner Stamper stated he originally wanted a thumbnail sketch of the 1997 budget, but that may not be necessary. Employment positions will be reclassified for 1997. That, and supplemental requests, could affect the fund balance.

Ms. Pitchford asked is the commission saying profit share revenues should be available to fund general revenue operations?

Commissioner Stamper replied that is the discussion. He supports segregating the funds to use on public health. However, he would have liked to have known more about 1997 before deciding.

Ms. Pitchford stated as budget officer, it is difficult to manage a budget with very unpredictable revenues. She senses the County Commission as a whole does not perceive profit share money to be general revenue money. Therein lies the benefit of segregating the funds. Whether or not the money is directed to public health or other issues, it would be in a separate fund, subject to the commission's annual appropriation. Separating the funds will help in budgeting the general fund.

Commissioner Miller stated she is in favor of the proposal. It would be nice to know, when considering one-time expenditures, that the money is there. As unpredictable as the funds are, you cannot rely upon them for ongoing expenditures.

Ms. Pitchford noted the lease payment is used to finance general revenue operations. She is only proposing to place additional lease compensation in a separate fund.

Commissioner Vogt stated the commission discussed having a worksession to deal with this issue. Beneficial information might come from a worksession.

Commissioner Stamper stated a worksession might be necessary to discuss policy. He now understands Ms. Pitchford is simply asking for clarification on where to place the money.

Commissioner Miller stated the commission discussed having a worksession to discuss what to do when the lease payment ceases upon termination of the lease.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone request the Boone County Auditor and Boone County Treasurer establish a separate fund in which to place all profit share money generated from the lease of the county hospital. The initial amount to be placed in the fund is \$2,908,360.00. The intent of this County Commission is for all proceeds to be used to improve the public health of Boone County citizens. However, the commission has the latitude to expend the money for other purposes.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 482-96.**

**SUBJECT: Discuss Installation of Statue in Government Center Fountain**

Ms. Murray distributed and reviewed a proposal for placement of a sculpture by Don Bartlett, titled Light Fountain: First Born, in the fountain in the Government Center atrium. Mr. Bartlett's widow wants to donate the sculpture to the county. Ms. Murray stated she thought the sculpture would be placed over the fountain rather than in it. Their proposal is to rebuild the fountain.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vogt, Ms. Murray replied the fountain would not be enlarged.

Commissioner Miller noted it will be easier to keep the fountain clean.

The commission questioned the need to remove the existing fountain and agreed they would like to request alternatives.

Commissioner Stamper proposed involving a representative from Reinhardt Construction, the Government Center contractor. Commissioner Stamper stated he likes the sculpture and the idea of placing it in the Government Center, but he thought there would be more flexibility in the use of the fountain.

Ms. Murray stated the sculpture weighs 1,000 pounds.

Commissioner Vogt commented it is wonderful that the family chose to donate the sculpture to the county.

Ms. Murray stated she will schedule a worksession for the commission, artists and others to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Miller stated it would be nice if the mock sculpture, which was on display during the recent sculpture competition, could be placed in the Government Center lobby.

Ms. Murray stated she will make that request.

**SUBJECT: Accept Arrowhead Lake Drive as County Road and for Maintenance**

Public Works Department Registered Land Surveyor reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated June 27, 1996. The road is located north of State Highway K, approximately one fourth mile west of Sinclair Road. It terminates at Sinclair Road, approximately one half mile north of State Highway K.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Piest replied this project has been going on for quite some time--during the period when the Public Works Department was trying to advise people of the need for construction permits.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept Arrowhead Lake Drive as a county road and for maintenance, as detailed within the attached Order of Acceptance of Road as County Road. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the Roadway Maintenance Acceptance Certificate.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 483-96.**

**SUBJECT: Accept Shortline Drive as County Road and for Maintenance**

Mr. Piest reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated September 4, 1996. Shortline Drive is located off Route KK, approximately 1.5 miles north of Route K in the west 1/2 of Section 4, Township 47 North, Range 13 West. This road was reconstructed under the Neighborhood Improvement District program.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept Shortline Drive as a county road and for maintenance, as detailed in the attached Order of Acceptance of Road as County Road. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached Roadway Maintenance Acceptance Certificate.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 484-96.**

**SUBJECT: Accept Part of Hickory Drive as County Road and for Maintenance**

Mr. Piest reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated August 29, 1996. Mr. Piest stated part of Hickory Drive was dedicated on Blocks III and IV of Lake Capri Subdivision. The road is currently maintained by the Public Works Maintenance and Operations staff. This action will clarify the record.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept the part of Hickory Drive dedicated on Lake Capri Subdivision Block III and Block IV, as detailed on the attached Order of Acceptance of Road as County Road. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached Roadway Maintenance Acceptance Certificate.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 485-96.**

**SUBJECT: Accept Plain View Drive as County Road and for Maintenance**

Mr. Piest reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated August 29, 1996. The road is located off Hickory Drive in Lake Capri Subdivision, Block IV. The road is .4 miles north of State Highway HH.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept Plain View Drive as a county road, as detailed in the attached Order of Acceptance of Road as County Road. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached Roadway Maintenance Acceptance Certificate.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 486-96.**

**SUBJECT: Discuss Purchase of Voice Recognition Software from Sole Supplier**

Information Services Director Scott Monnig reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated September 17, 1996. The Sheriff's Department received a grant in the amount of \$27,000 which must be used to increase the amount of time deputies spend on the road. This will be done by reducing the amount of time spent at the Sheriff's Department facility entering reports. Voice recognition software will be used to accomplish this. Alpha-Omega Computers of Kansas City has software which can be used with the IBM AS/400. The software converts speech into text which is entered into the AS/400 or a personal computer word processing system. The software dictates from 80 to 100 words per minute.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Monnig replied Alpha-Omega Computers is the only vendor they can find who can supply software for use with the AS/400.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vogt, Mr. Monnig replied Alpha-Omega Computers indicated one other law enforcement agency in Missouri is pursuing the use of voice recognition software. A large piece of hardware is required to run the software. However, given the rate technology advances, this firm will likely not be the sole supplier when the time comes to replace the software.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the expenditure of \$8,190 for the acquisition of voice recognition software and training for use by the Boone County Sheriff's Department from the sole source vendor, Alpha-Omega Computers of Kansas City, Missouri.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 487-96.**

**SUBJECT: Consider Supplemental Agreement for Engineering Services with Bryan and Associates for Obermiller/Roemer/Blackfoot Road Improvement Project**

Public Works Department Design and Construction Division Manager John Smith stated the original agreement with Bryan and Associates did not address the need for the engineer of record to address changes to design drawings which are brought about by situations which occur during construction. They have requested compensation for such review. Unless they review changes, the design engineer could claim exclusion from all liability for the project.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the attached supplemental agreement with Bryan and Associates for construction engineering services related to the Obermiller, Roemer and Blackfoot Roads project for a cost not to exceed \$4,000. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 488-96.**

**SUBJECT: Consider Utility Relocation Agreements with Boone Electric Cooperative and Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 for Locust Grove Church Road**

Mr. Smith reviewed his memorandum to the County Commission dated September 17, 1996. Mr. Smith stated as part of the Locust Grove Church Road construction, approximately 2,900 lineal feet of water line will have to be relocated.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mr. Smith replied the department notifies property owners whose water service will be disrupted by leaving a note on their door.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the Utility Relocation Agreement with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 for Locust Grove Church Road. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the agreement, a Water Line Easement and any other related documents.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 489-96.**

Mr. Smith stated Boone Electric Cooperative will also have to relocate approximately 16 electric structures. The county will reimburse Boone Electric for the actual cost of relocation, not to exceed \$61,679.16. The actual cost should be in the range of \$35,000 to \$50,000.

Commissioner Miller noted utility relocation costs were not included in the cost of paving roads. They have turned out to be a significant cost.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign, the attached Utility Relocation Agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative for Locust Grove Church Road.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 490-96.**

In response to a question from Commissioner Vogt, Mr. Smith replied the estimated cost of the Locust Grove Church Road improvement project is about \$600,000.

**SUBJECT: Authorize Disposal of Fixed Assets**

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize disposal of the attached list of fixed assets. Approval shall be indicated by the Presiding Commissioner's signature stamp.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 491-96.**

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper reported he has received two complaints about access to the Courthouse. The individuals complained of having to walk in the street when they come down the north side of Walnut. Commissioner Stamper stated he suggested they use the sidewalk on the south side of the street to access the sidewalk near 7th Street.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Attest:

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Karen M. Miller  
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt  
District II Commissioner