

TERM OF COMMISSION: July Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
County Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the Boone County Commission was called to order at 9:26 a.m.

Commissioner Stamper acknowledged that today's meeting at the Boone County Fairgrounds was the continuation of a tradition established by Commissioners many years ago.

SUBJECT: Recognizing Everett McDow as Boone County Employee of the Third Quarter

The Commissioners recognized Everett McDow, a maintenance worker for the Public Works Department for 15 years, as the Boone County Employee of the Third Quarter and extended their congratulations.

Commissioner Stamper read Public Works Director Frank Abart's nomination: Everett makes every effort to satisfy the needs of the public (both on and off the job). He is respected by all other employees as a dedicated, productive and hard working person. Everett has always produced high quality work. He is always there when called upon. In addition, he has been working outside his normal duties this quarter. Everett has been a County employee for 15 years. He never complains about additional assignments and, in fact, does the work in a very professional manner.

Mr. Abart accepted the plaque presented on behalf of Mr. McDow.

SUBJECT: Discussion on Family Health Center Funding

Bob Bailey, chair of the Family Health Center, introduced Gloria Crull, executive director; Dr. Bernard Weigman, medical director and Family Health Center board member Joe Mosely.

Mr. Bailey said he had sent the Commissioners a letter a week ago asking them to consider supplemental funding for the Family Health Center in the amount of \$135,000. He explained that 5 1/2 years ago, the Family Health Center was created in an effort to provide primary and preventative health care to uninsured Boone Countians. That effort, he said, would reduce emergency room utilization and foster cooperation and collaboration among area hospitals.

The center has not heard from Boone Hospital in regards to their share of the funding. Funding ended on the last day of June. Mr. Bailey said he had hand-delivered a letter to Mike Shirk, the chief executive officer at Boone Hospital, and to date has received no response, either way, regarding the funding.

Ms. Crull said that 96 percent of their clients are Boone Countians and that \$1 million in charges are associated with those visits. She said they are given cash and in-kind contributions that total approximately \$1 million as well. To achieve moderate growth for the facility, they have created relationships that help support the center and have applied for grant funding. They receive 48 percent of their financing from Medicaid, 38 percent from self-paying clients, although 80 percent of the sliding fees are for poverty level, or below, incomes. Ms. Crull said that some of the clients simply have high deductibles and for a family of four with an income of \$30,000, a \$1,000 deductible is not obtainable.

Mr. Bailey said that it was his understanding that the three-way partnership to fund the Family Health Center would be between Boone County, Boone Hospital Center and University Hospitals. For whatever reason, he said, Boone Hospital Center has opted to not become a partner. The request to the County is to become a much larger partner.

Commissioner Stamper said he was disappointed in Boone Hospital Center's lack of cooperation in addressing local needs. He suggested that the County and University Hospital might split the \$135,000 deficit

Commissioner Stamper gave verbal indication that the Commission would continue to research other funding options with the University Hospital and to bring closure to the issue within the next week to ten days.

SUBJECT: Award bid 30-18JUN97, Tire term and supply

Purchasing Director Beckie Jackson referred to her memo dated June 26, 1997.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 30-18JUN97 for tires term and supply to Como Tire for Categories 1, 3, and 5 and to Tire Centers, Inc., for Categories 2 and 4 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contract.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 312-97.**

SUBJECT: Disposal of surplus items

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone dispose of the attached surplus items and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the surplus disposal forms.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 313-97.**

SUBJECT: Policy discussion on road naming for Levi Lane

Planning and Building Inspections Director Stan Shawver said that the owner approached the department with a request to name a private easement Levi Lane.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone deny the naming of a private road easement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 314-97.**

SUBJECT: Housing Reality House clients

Sheriff Ted Boehm said that the Reality House program was created to help decrease the correctional facility's overcrowding. Currently, Reality House is located on Vandiver Dr., but there are concerns that the facility does not comply with ADA standards. He asked the Commissioners to entertain the idea of entering into an agreement with Reality House to accommodate clients in pod D.

Commissioner Vogt said it was her understanding that Reality House teaches sustaining life skills and asked if that would continue in the pod D setting.

Sheriff Boehm said those were the details that would still need to be worked out and that he hoped to see a location finalized for Reality House within the next 6-8 months.

Commissioner Stamper asked the sheriff to work with County Counselor John Patton to draft an agreement.

SUBJECT: Proposal for architectural services for the modification of the jail facility's D pod

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone waive, as a one time request, the June 1996 policy for contracting for architectural services; allowing service bids

to go through the County Commission to the facility maintenance liaison, making it a one-step process.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 315-97.**

SUBJECT: Budget amendment for the Boone Retirement Center roof

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the following budget amendment:

Dept.	Account	Account Title	Decrease	Increase
6200	60110	Major Building Repairs		\$95,000

Explanation: to amend budget to repair roof on Boone Retirement Center (\$25,000 budgeted, bid award \$118,922).

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 316-97.**

SUBJECT: Union Cemetery Maintenance Agreement

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an agreement between the County and Hungry Painter for the sum of \$1,200, payable upon invoice in three installments on June 16, 1997, August 1, 1997 and October 20, 1997 for maintenance of Union Cemetery.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 317-97.**

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeals

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone appoint Jeane Grace to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a five year term.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 318-97.**

SUBJECT: Extension of credit for the McBaine Levy District

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the extension of the McBaine Levee District from \$100,000 to \$110,000 pending the auditor's approval.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Commissioner Stamper asked Mr. Patton to draw up any changes necessary in the current contract.

Motion passed unanimously. **Order 319-97.**

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Stamper welcomed Cassie Burwell, Commissioner Vogt's granddaughter to the meeting.

Commissioner Vogt reported that tests evaluating noise levels at the Fairgrounds are currently underway.

Commissioner Miller reported on her trip to the NACo Conference.

SUBJECT: Public Comment

Larry Hall, addressed his concerns on what he felt were necessary bridge repairs to the Barnard School Bridge.

Commissioner Stamper invited Mr. Hall to attend a work session with Public Works Director Frank Abart and the three Commissioners on Monday, July 28, where the Barnard School Bridge would be an item on the agenda.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the Fairground Committee again for their use of the facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner