

TERM OF COMMISSION: December 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 Linda Vogt
County Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

SUBJECT: State Contract Concerning the Community Shock Program

Sheriff Ted Boehm said he was always looking for alternatives to incarceration and it looked like the Community Shock program might benefit that goal. He said he had been working with Commission Stamper, probation and parole, and the courts to develop a program that would be beneficial to Boone County. He presented a contract that they feel they can meet. He asked the Commission to support the program to allow County facilities to be used as part of the Community Shock Program.

He explained it is a 90-day program supervised by the court. During the first 30-days, movement is restricted and individuals are involved in counseling sessions. The following 60 days they are allowed to work up to 35 hours per week and then come back to the facility and be involved in 10 hours per week of counseling. The courts, he said, are supportive of this program and they have the next 6 months to evaluate the program to see if they want to continue it in Boone County.

Sheriff Boehm shared a letter dated November 24 from the Director of Corrections that enough funding has been set aside for 80 offenders to be assigned to this program. The program will be continually funded as long as the General Assembly sees fit to do so. Legal counsel, he said, had looked at the contract.

County Counselor John Patton said the program is funded through July and either party can terminate the agreement, making it an experimental program. The state guarantees payment of \$56.50 a day for ten beds, whether they are used or not. These people will be intensely supervised, attend substance abuse counseling and then they are expected to get work. Once they have work, they will contribute \$7.50 a day, reducing the state's contribution to \$50 a day.

Sheriff Boehm said he was currently working with the director of Reality House to subcontract with that agency to provide those program services.

Commissioner Stamper congratulated the Sheriff for bringing in additional revenue within the existing structure. He said it demonstrates a partnership between the Department of Corrections and the local community to change the way local offenders are incarcerated. He said it was good to experiment with this program to see if there are local benefits.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the use of County facilities and personnel for the Community Shock Program and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contract.

Commissioner Vogt seconded.

Auditor June Pitchford said the budget would reflect these changes.

Motion passed unanimously. **Order 518-97.**

SUBJECT: Un-located Fixed Assets Removal from Fixed Asset Records

Auditor June Pitchford said the County needed to dispose of a growing collection of assets that were cluttering up the fixed assets files. She explained that Purchasing Director Beckie Jackson also needs a clean record of the assets, so she could be accountable for those. She said they did

not spend a lot of time trying to locate these items, but they visited with the departments and took their word that they can't find them. In the future, she said, they will prepare disposal forms with explanations that will come with the annual inventory.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the removal of un-located fixed assets and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to use his signature stamp to sign the documents.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 519-97.**

Commissioner Stamper discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department reserves to replace a golf cart used for special events. He said that maybe someone donated it and then the department painted it. They want to replace it and Commissioner Stamper said he would forward the letter to Ms. Pitchford. Currently, that issue is not addressed in the budget.

Commissioner Miller said it was an addition, not a replacement.

Ms. Pitchford said she was unaware of the request. Given their funding, she said, it might be best to establish a way for those requests to be channeled to the Sheriff in a timely manner so he can incorporate into his entire request.

Commissioner Stamper reported on the court en banc meeting. Mr. Perry, he said reported on two issues: the retirement for court employees and the computer upgrade request and the juvenile bill.

He said he shared the Commission's concerns on whether or not the computer program was an unfunded mandate and the future events of the juvenile bill and what it might mean to the County. If the new system isn't purchased, the Court will still need to upgrade their current system. Commissioner Stamper said he would propose to Court Administrator Bob Perry and Judge Frank Conley a change in the draft piece of legislation to reflect a maximum cap in the juvenile bill. A county of this description, he said, would be 50% of the \$500,000 currently proposed for on-going maintenance. That change, he said, would cut the County's exposure from \$700,000 to \$200,000.

Commissioner Miller said as the County upgrades the computer systems, it's only fair to upgrade the Court's as well. She said she was concerned about a juvenile bill that would allow for on-going maintenance, but felt if the Court was willing to go to bat for limiting that exposure she could support the computer request under those auspices.

Commissioner Vogt said that she too was concerned about the juvenile bill, but was sympathetic to the Court's need to upgrade the computer system. They did, she said, find \$74,000 in their budget to allow them to do that and she said she would support their request.

Commissioner Stamper said he would have another conversation with Mr. Perry before the budget was finalized.

SUBJECT: Revision to Burnett School Road Bridge Cooperative Agreement

County Counselor John Patton said that Callaway County had requested a cap be placed on their contribution of construction costs for the Burnett School Road Bridge. Callaway County, he said, has agreed to pay half of the current \$73,800 estimate.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve a revision to the Burnett School Road Bridge Cooperative Agreement for costs not to exceed \$37,650 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement revising Commission Order 466-97.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 520-97.**

SUBJECT: Resignation from Library Board

Commissioner Stamper reported that Sylvia McGill had resigned from the Library Board because she was moving.

SUBJECT: IDA Minutes from December 10

Commissioner Stamper reported on the IDA minutes from December 10 and submitted them for the public record.

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Stamper reported that Reality House will be moving their administrative functions in the old Juvenile Justice Center and that they had not received a response from their letter sent to the school district. He asked for Commission approval to attend a conference in Racine, Wisconsin and to waive the opportunity to attend the NACO legislative meeting. He also reported that Farm Bureau had expressed an interest in sponsoring a future tire recycling event.

Commissioner Stamper submitted a letter from Albert M. Vargenko expressing his objection to the proposal of placing a navy anchor at the courthouse to honor Exercise Tiger veterans.

County Counselor John Patton said that outside the Pin Oak neighborhood there is a need to eliminate two lagoons and replace them with pumps to transmit sewage from Pin Oak, ABC labs and other properties to the city of Columbia sewer. When the Pin Oak Sewer NID was first formed, it should have been made large enough to accommodate those projects, he said. Mr. Patton said that NIDs may consist of unimproved properties and properties that are non-contiguous and that the Sewer District board has resolved to petition the County to obtain financing for these projects through the NID program. In the future, he said, there appear to always be periphery areas and it would be efficient to provide infrastructure adjacent to those areas and to take a closer look at how boundaries are defined.

Commissioner Miller reported on the Joint Center for Sustainable Communities meeting she attended.

Commissioner Stamper reported Pinnacles Park Bridge is gone and the payment is being processed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 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