

TERM OF COMMISSION: January 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  
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:35a.m. by Commissioner Miller.

**Subject: REDI Community Development Block Grant for Ozark Airline**

Commissioner Miller stated that they needed to have a public hearing on this subject.

Commissioner Miller opened the public hearing.

There was no one present wishing to speak.

Commissioner Miller closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller invited Rick McDowell and Jerry Brouder, REDI representative to discuss the REDI application.

Rick McDowell stated that he was present on behalf of REDI and the project for Ozark Airlines. He stated that they were present before the Commission today to get approval to submit an application for a CDBG to the State of Missouri, Department of Economic Development. He stated that this consisted of \$275,000 to be used for public infrastructure improvements including sewer, water, road and maybe storm water. He stated that this would be in conjunction with the city of Columbia and the State of Missouri would be part of the expansion for Ozark Airlines.

Commissioner Miller asked if Mr. McDowell had a formal resolution.

Rick McDowell stated that they did have a formal resolution, however he did not have it with him. He stated that he would submit it at a later date.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she had served on the REDI board and as the liaison to the Airport Advisory Commission in the past and felt that the airport was very important to everyone in Boone County and the surrounding area. She stated that she supported REDI in pursuing CDBG funding.

Commissioner Miller stated that they had worked on trying to get an airline in Boone County when she had served on the REDI board. She stated that now that the sewer district was working with southern Boone County to look at a regional sewer, this project fit into the plan.

Commissioner Vogt stated that this could relieve the people in the city of Columbia (financially) who support the airport with about half a million dollars a year.

Jerry Brouder stated it might be beneficial for the Commission to know that the REDI board had decided to support this venture financially (in the amount of up to \$50,000) in order to prepare the site for additional proceedings.

Rick McDowell stated that this was an extension of infrastructure and not a new one.

Jerry Brouder stated that this was a public transportation issue in addition to a private organization coming in to do business. He stated that all people would be served in this issue.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve and request that the REDI Corporation apply for CDBG funds for the purpose of supporting the infrastructure associated with the Ozark Airline project and authorize the County Commission to sign said resolution when submitted.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 17-99**

**Subject: City of Columbia Annexations**

Commissioner Stamper stated that both of the annexations had been previously submitted.

**Commissioner Reports**

*Commissioner Miller*

Commissioner Miller reported that she was submitting the essays on diversity (from the Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration) for the public record. She stated that she had read them and felt that they were wonderful as were the rest of the activities for that day.

*Commissioner Vogt*

Commissioner Vogt gave no report.

*Commissioner Stamper*

Commissioner Stamper stated that REDI had agreed to put \$20,000 in to a University of MO project that was designed to bring a department on campus to help University professors and staff who develop technology and ideas. He stated that there would be a consultant coming to town to help with this project.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Sheriff had submitted a request to have one of the Crown Victoria that were up for sale, put back into the fleet to replace a Ford Thunderbird. Commissioner Stamper stated that he had asked June Pitchford to look into this and find out how the Ford Thunderbird was originally acquired. He stated that he thought it was purchased with a special fund.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the vehicle was confiscated.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he thought it was purchased with drug enforcement money for undercover work.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he was taking some personal time off from February 16-25<sup>th</sup> and requested that Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Vogt take turns being the Acting-Presiding Commissioner.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Fair board had a discussion on the future of the Boone County Fairgrounds. He stated that there was a lot of interest and proposals. He stated that there would be a meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> that should bring some healthy discussion. He further noted that they had held elections and Herman Page and Bruce Wilson were no longer on the officeholders. He stated that one of the new members was Dickie Basnett.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45a.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