

TERM OF COMMISSION: November Session of the October Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center  
Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kenneth M. Pearson  
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller  
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin  
Deputy County Clerk Joshua Norberg

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Health Department**

Kris Vellema and Gerry Worley, Health Department, were present on behalf of this item.

#### **1. Order for Abatement – Vacant Lot on Demaret Drive, Columbia**

Ms. Vellema stated she received several complaints for different properties on this street. This particular property is vacant. It has some trash and furniture on it. She stated the owners did sign for the notice, but she was unable to obtain a phone number for them.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the attached Finding of Public Nuisance and Order for Abatement of a public nuisance located at a vacant lot on Demaret Drive, Columbia (parcel #17-313-11-01-166.00 01).

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 526-2008**

### **Planning and Building**

Thad Yonke, Planning and Building, was present on behalf of this item.

#### **2. Acknowledge the Final Development Plan for “Les Bourgeois Winery PID”**

Mr. Yonke stated this is the finalization step for the improvements at the wine processing facility. The review plan was approved earlier this year.

Commission Miller asked if the fire department got everything worked out.

Mr. Yonke stated the approval was subject to the fire department signing off on it and they can make modifications to this plan without having to come back for a formal revision as long as it is not significant. The fire department still would like a wider lane next to the building, but the way the approval was structured, the width does not matter because they can fix that without having to come back through a formal revision process.

Commissioner Miller asked if a twelve foot wide lane is necessary if there is no parking on it. She stated that is ridiculous when we are trying to control storm water.

Mr. Yonke stated he thinks part of it is that one edge of the lane has a steep drop off and the other side is a wall so it requires a little more space to be safe.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby acknowledge the Final Development Plan for “Les Bourgeois Winery PID” and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign it.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 527-2008**

### **Public Works**

Greg Edington, Public Works, was present on behalf of these items.

#### **3. Change Order #1 – St. Charles Road Roadway & Drainage Improvement (first reading)**

Commissioner Pearson stated this is a final closeout change order in the amount of \$10,197.30. It is for additional dig out repair.

Commissioner Pearson stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

#### **4. Change Order #1 – Trails West Avenue, Henderson Road & Semon Road Asphalt & Roadway Drainage Improvements (first reading)**

Commissioner Pearson stated this is a final closeout change order in the amount of \$24,834.65. It is for additional dig out repair and ditching. There was also additional cost due to the asphalt index increases.

Commissioner Pearson stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with an

appropriate order for approval.

**5. Budget Revision for Oil Heater (first reading)**

Mr. Edington stated the used oil heater in the main shop did not pass inspection. It was recommended that it be replaced. There are some cost savings in the new equipment purchases account. This revision is in the amount of \$9,100.00

Commissioner Miller asked if we want to wait for a second reading or do it today so they can get it ordered.

Mr. Edington stated there is a small heater in there now, but every time the garage door is opened the pilot light goes out.

Commissioner Miller stated she thinks we should do a first and second reading today.

Commissioner Elkin stated that is fine.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the following budget revision for the replacement of a used oil heater:

Department	Account	Department Name	Account Name	Decrease	Increase
2040	91300	Public Works – Maint	Machinery & Equip	\$9,100.00	
2040	92300	Public Works – Maint	Replace Mach & Equip		\$9,100.00

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 528-2008**

**Miscellaneous**

**6. Commission Order Closing County Offices for State Holidays**

Commissioner Pearson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby declare that County offices will close on Friday, November 28, 2008, and on Friday, December 26, 2008, in conjunction with the executive order given by Governor Blunt closing state offices.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 529-2008**

### **7. Authorize Closed Meeting 610.021(13)**

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize a closed meeting on Friday, November 14, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 243 of the Roger B Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized by 610.021 (13) RSMo. to discuss individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 530-2008**

### **8. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Pearson reported on the following:

**Boone County Council on Aging:** Commissioner Pearson stated the new executive director is doing very well. She is doing internal training with her staff. She has ordered some computer equipment that they have needed for a long time.

**Boone Electric Cooperative:** Commissioner Pearson stated the beginning balance in October for the C.A.S.H. Program was \$22,938.50. Donations for the month were \$2,281.73, interest was \$14.83, and expenditures were \$2,881.17 for an ending balance of \$22,353.89.

Commissioner Pearson stated the beginning balance in October for the H.E.L.P. Program was \$9,455.92. Donations for the month were \$2,119.69, interest was \$6.11, and expenditures were \$1,279.05 for an ending balance of \$10,302.67.

### **9. Public Comment**

Jack Donelon, 578 N. Grace, Columbia

Mr. Donelon stated he has spent a lot of his time on the Lake of the Woods area. He stated he is here today to talk about the financial situation at the Humane Society. He is a volunteer at the Humane Society and he received an invitation to the Humane Society's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party. They have been serving Boone County as well as surrounding counties for sixteen years and they desperately need our help. They need basic things such as bleach and paper towels. They have cut their hours. They are overworked and understaffed. He stated he was not aware that the Humane Society had a contract with Boone County and the City of Columbia for \$94,000 for this fiscal

year. They are going to be asking for \$300,000 for the coming year. He stated he knows that is asking a lot in these hard economic times. He stated he is here to speak for the animals. They need help with facilities and paid staff. Things are not getting any better because of the economic times. People have to get rid of their animals because they are losing their homes. He stated he was surprised to learn that we are receiving animals from southwestern Missouri puppy mills. So we don't just have animals coming from this area, they are coming from all over.

Mr. Donelon stated his recommendation is to do something like the Conservation Department did a few years ago. They devoted 1/8 percent of sales tax to their department, and it has been overwhelmingly successful and it has voted on every 10 years and comes back even more popular voted. He thinks taxes is the last thing that people want to hear, but he thinks it should be put on the ballot so a percentage of the sales tax could go to the Central Missouri Humane Society. He believes that people in this community would support something that is for such a good cause.

Commissioner Elkin stated we have been talking about this quite a bit over the last month or two. He stated the Humane Society made a presentation about a month ago.

Commissioner Pearson stated it is a contract between the City/County Health Department for the use of the facility for animal control.

Commissioner Elkin stated they keep 30 cages for animals that animal control picks up.

Commissioner Pearson stated the City budget for the year has already been set and the contract that the City had prepared for the Humane Society was done months ago and the submitted it to the Humane Society. The Humane Society didn't do anything with it and then they came back with their presentation and request for additional money. The City's budget is already set for the year, and even if it weren't, \$195,000 more at this time is not realistic.

Commissioner Miller stated we need a utility for storm water that we are required by a federal mandate to manage that we don't have the money for. We need mental health funds that we don't have the money for. She stated she can't support dogs over people. She stated she is a big dog lover, but she cannot justify it to the public when we have greater needs that are for people and for mandates that we are required by law to manage.

Commissioner Elkin stated there are some serious discussions between the board of the Humane Society and the City and County. They gave us a presentation about cutting back hours, but it is his impression that that is really not working. It is not saving them the money that they thought it was going to save. He doesn't want to see the Humane Society go out on their own because he doesn't think they can do it, but he thinks the board needs to wake up and step back and look at their operations and their goals and figure out a way to make it work. This community is full of people who would support the Humane Society, but they haven't done a very good job of reaching out and getting these people. They need to reach out for more donations from major stakeholders. He stated he thinks this community would step forward and do that.

Mr. Donelon stated he is happy to see that the Commission is aware of the problem. He thanked the Commission for their time.

The Commission thanked Mr. Donelon for coming in.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Attest:

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Kenneth M. Pearson  
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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Skip Elkin  
District II Commissioner