

TERM OF COMMISSION: April Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Boone County Collector Brian McCollum
Boone County Circuit Clerk Sherry Terrell
Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse
Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo
Deputy County Clerk III Jodi Vanskike

Conference Call Information:

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The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM and roll call was taken.

Commission

- 1. Proclamation recognizing April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators Week**

Commissioner Thompson read the following Proclamation:

Whereas, emergencies, which can occur at any time, require law enforcement, fire, and/or emergency medical services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and are thus the first level of “first responders”; and

- Whereas, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of first responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and
- Whereas, the safety of first responders is dependent upon the quality of information obtained from citizens who contact Boone County Joint Communications; and
- Whereas, Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our first responders by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and
- Whereas, in 2023, Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators of Boone County Joint Communications fielded 82,108 emergency calls and 142,719 non-emergency calls, and made 50,283 outbound calls for a total of 325,507 calls over the course of just one year; and
- Whereas, in 2023, Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators of Boone County Joint Communications handled 246,978 law enforcement dispatches; 22,394 fire dispatches; and 33,595 medical dispatches; and
- Whereas, Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators of Boone County Joint Communications have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and
- Whereas, all Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators have exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their jobs in the past year.
- Therefore, in honor of the men and women whose diligence, professionalism, and sense of duty help to keep the citizens of and visitors to Boone County safe, the Boone County Commission recognizes the week of April 14 through April 20, 2024, as National Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators Week. On behalf of the citizens of Boone County, the Commission shares its sincere appreciation to the dedicated individuals who comprise Boone County Joint Communications.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record a Proclamation recognizing April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators Week.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #188-2024**

2. Proclamation Honoring the 80th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger

Commissioner Aldred read the following Proclamation:

- Whereas, 80 years ago, in early 1944, the Allied Forces were preparing for the invasion of Normandy by conducting a series of full-scale, top-secret training exercises; and
- Whereas, of these training exercises, Exercise Tiger was to be one of the largest and most comprehensive, involving more than 30,000 United States Army and Navy personnel as well as British forces, as it realistically enacted all aspects of the invasion in an effort to flesh out every detail of the daunting task that lay ahead; and
- Whereas, as Exercise Tiger began on April 27, 1944, so began issues that would plague the exercise and ultimately contribute to one of the highest losses of life ever suffered in combat by the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy in WWII; and
- Whereas, in the early hours of April 28, 1944, as eight American tank loading ships approached the coast of southern England, nine German E-boats ambushed them, firing torpedoes that would ultimately sink two vessels, severely damage another, and leave hundreds dead, injured, or missing; and
- Whereas, countless American soldiers and sailors lost their lives during Exercise Tiger, including an estimated 201 soldiers from the State of Missouri; and
- Whereas, fearing German knowledge of the incident might impede Allied success in Normandy on D-Day, the outcome of Exercise Tiger was kept strictly classified until August 5, 1944, when it was released with statistics on the casualties associated with the Normandy Invasion; and
- Whereas, the secrecy initially surrounding Exercise Tiger, coupled with its obscurity in light of larger events happening at the time, led to it being one of the least reported and most often forgotten battles of WWII, a sad reflection of the lives lost in it and the intelligence gained through it; and
- Whereas, the legacy of these servicemen, the hardships and sacrifices they endured to help ensure victory and protect the American ideals of freedom and democracy, lives on through the work of the United States Exercise Tiger Foundation (USTF), which aims to recognize servicemen and servicewomen from all branches of the American Military and U.S. veterans from all wars in honor of the brave individuals lost in Exercise Tiger; and
- Whereas, USTF, with U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light and U.S. Coast Guard Small Boat Stations circumnavigating the United States borders, upholds the annual tradition of honoring the historic Exercise Tiger with an ocean wreath-laying tribute; and

Whereas, on April 22, 2024, USTF will join Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, Speaker of the House Dean Plocher, Chairman of the Veterans Committee Dave Griffith, Commissioners from Audrain and Boone Counties, and other elected officials for a Declaration Ceremony in honor of those who fought in Exercise Tiger, at which time April 28 will be named Exercise Tiger Day in the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, the National Commemoration Ceremony celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the WWII Battle of Exercise Tiger will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at the Audrain County Court House in Mexico, Missouri.

Therefore, the Boone County Commission does hereby join the State of Missouri in proclaiming April 28 as Exercise Tiger Day and calls on all Boone Countians to reflect upon and honor the sacrifices of those heroic individuals of the Battle of Exercise Tiger. The Boone County Commission also extends its respect and gratitude to those who have served our nation, and those who continue to do so.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record a Proclamation honoring the 80th Anniversary of Exercise Tiger.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #189-2024**

Boone County Collector

3. First and Second Reading: Collector Tax Sale Title Research – A Civil Group

Boone County Collector Brian McCollum stated this annual agreement is needed in the event their office needs assistance with the work for the annual tax sale process. Collector McCollum stated, even though this agreement has been in place, they haven't had to utilize it since 2020. Collector McCollum stated they like to have this agreement in place in case they need help drafting a legal description.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Collector Tax Sale Title Research Agreement with A Civil Group.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #190-2024**

Boone County Human Resources

4. First and Second Reading: Request to Hire Above Flexible Hiring Range for Position 1116, Payroll Administrator, Human Resources

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this candidate is well educated, has lots of experience with payroll, and has an associate degree in programming. Director Wehmeyer stated this hire will create redundancy in the department and allow for more than one person to complete payroll. Director Wehmeyer stated she is happy to have this candidate.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the Flexible Hiring Range for position number 1116, Payroll Administrator, and does hereby authorize an appropriation of \$70,012.80 for the salary of said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #191-2024**

5. First and Second Reading: Request to Hire Above Flexible Hiring Range for Position 1118, Onsite Wastewater & Rental Standards Coordinator, Resource Management

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this is a brand-new position created this year to help administer onsite wastewater and rental housing standards. Director Wehmeyer stated this will be the coordinator who will be overseeing these programs.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the Flexible Hiring Range for position number 1118, Onsite Wastewater & Rental Standards Coordinator, and does hereby authorize an appropriation of \$64,646.40 for the salary of said position.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #192-2024**

6. First and Second Reading: Request to Transfer Above Authorized Transfer Policy for Positions 64 and 678, Sergeant, Boone County Sheriff's Office

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this request is for two employees that are transferring from Deputy Sheriff to Sergeant. Director Wehmeyer stated the Sheriff's Office is requesting to transfer them above the transfer salary because they are currently over the flexible hiring range. Director Wehmeyer stated one candidate has been with the Sheriff's Office over 13 years and the other candidate has been with them six years.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the request to transfer above the authorized transfer policy for position

numbers 64 and 678, Sergeant, and does hereby authorize an appropriation of \$32.89 per hour for the salary of said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #193-2024**

Boone County Counselor

7. First Reading: Bolli Road sewer NID supplemental MOU

Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse stated this MOU will supplement the agreement with the Boone County Sewer District, and will allow them to pull down more than \$200,000.00 in state grant funds to reduce the cost to the citizens of Boone County as part of this project.

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

8. First Reading: Purchasing Department Occupancy Charges MOU

Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse stated this MOU is between the Boone County Commission and the Boone County Auditor regarding the relocation of the Purchasing Department.

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

Purchasing Department

9. First Reading: Award Contract C000768 from cooperative contract PCA OD-305-20 for Janitorial Products, Equipment & Related Items with Q4 Industries LLC for the Boone County Facilities Management Department

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo:

Purchasing requests approval for contract C000768 using co-operative contract PCA OD-305-20 for Janitorial Products, Equipment and Related Items with Q4 Industries LLC of Lenexa, Kansas. The Facilities Management Department intends to use the contract to purchase janitorial equipment, specifically two floor scrubbers with batteries, brushes and on-board charging. The contract is also available for other janitorial products purchases. If other purchases are made, an amendment to the contract will be prepared for those orders.

The contract period runs April 23, 2024 through May 05, 2025.

This is considered a Term and Supply contract for Facilities Management. The total of the two scrubbers will be \$25,367.86. Payment will reference 6101-Facilities Management Housekeeping & Custodial Services/91300- Machinery & Equipment.

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

10. First and Second Reading: Award of ARPA Funding contract: C000772 – “Last Mile” Broadband Connectivity Projects with Socket Telecom, LLC

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo:

Boone County, Missouri received ARPA grant funding from the federal government and the County Commission engaged in an RFP process to determine ARPA funding awards.

This ARPA award is for County contract# C000772 - "Last Mile" Broadband Connectivity Projects with Socket Telecom, LLC. The project includes last mile broadband connectivity to 661 households in 25 unserved high-cost areas.

Contract award is for a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000.00, and will be paid from department 2983 - American Rescue Plan Act, account 82400 - Other Contracts. Attached is a list of all the funded projects.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an agreement with Socket Telecom, LLC for "Last Mile" Broadband Connectivity Projects.

The terms of the Agreement are set out in the attached Contract and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #194-2024**

13th Judicial Court

11. First Reading: Budget Revision - Dept 2860 - Cover Class 9

Boone County Circuit Clerk Sherry Terrell stated the budget revision would enable their office to purchase three new laptops. Ms. Terrell stated they were prepared to ask for the new laptops in 2025, but they have been told by IT that theirs will not last that long.

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

Juvenile Justice Center

12. Second Reading: Juvenile Officer Performance Standards Education Initiative Grant – First Read 04.16.24

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Juvenile Officer Performance Standards Education Initiative grant proposal submitted by the 13th Judicial Circuit, Family Court --Robert L. Perry Juvenile Justice Center.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #195-2024**

Commission

13. Boone County Proposition 1 – Open Public Hearing

Commissioner Kendrick started the public hearing by going over the Senior Property Tax Relief timeline, which is inserted below.

Commissioner Kendrick stated he would like people to understand that this has been an ongoing process. Commissioner Kendrick stated the Commission’s first statement on this issue is they would be deliberate in this process, and they certainly have been deliberate. Commissioner Kendrick stated they have been deliberate in seeing this through, but not deliberate in sitting on their hands. Commissioner Kendrick stated the Commission has been working on this for quite some time, and Boone County is in a good position to implement a program and see it through. Commissioner Kendrick stated, having served in the Missouri General Assembly, there is infinite wisdom inside the General Assembly no doubt, but sometimes legislation is crafted in such a way that it may not be clear. Commissioner Kendrick stated sometimes when it gets told to people, it seems as if it’s ready to go, should have been ready to go yesterday, and people want them to get the program going. Commissioner Kendrick stated that’s not how it works when statutes are written, you must be clear in how you administer state statute. Commissioner Kendrick stated Boone County is a statutory county and they must work within the confines of state law. At this point, Commissioner Kendrick began going through the timeline below.

May 8, 2023-SB 190 Truly Agreed and Finally Passed by General Assembly

May 23, 2023-Counties across the state begin sending technical concerns to

MAC July 6, 2023 - SB 190 signed into law by the Governor

July 13, 2023 - Boone County Commission sent all taxing jurisdictions a letter requesting a fiscal analysis July 25, 2023-MAC creates an SB 190 Task Force to address concerns and propose clean up legislation

July 27, 2023 - The State Tax Commission issues an opinion on SB 190

August 2023-First of the fiscal analysis start to trickle in from Boone County taxing jurisdictions

August 22, 2023 - MAC issues first guidance on SB 190 to counties

September 2023 - MAC SB 190 Task Force continues to meet and draft recommendations

October 25, 2023 - Final of the fiscal analysis arrives-from CPS - responses from 12 entities

November 2023-MAC SB 190 Task Force releases recommendations and draft legislation

November 20, 2023-MAC adopts SB 190 clean up legislation is top legislative priority at Annual Conference

November 21, 2023-Boone County Commission adopts SB 190 clean up legislation as top legislative priority and issues resolution that it will wait to act until clarity is provided by General Assembly

December 5, 2023-SB 190 bill sponsor pre-files clean up legislation at the request of MAC

January 8, 2024-Boone County Commission begins discussions with taxing jurisdictions re: possible Prop 1

January 16, 2024 - Senate hearing on SB 756 - legislation begins moving

January 26, 2024 - Boone County Commission votes to place Proposition 1 on the April ballot

April 2, 2024-Voters approve Proposition 1 in Boone County

April 4, 2024-Boone County Commission announces public hearing and tentative timeline for policy

April 11, 2024-Boone County Commission accepts certified election results from the Boone County Clerk

April 18, 2024-Public hearing held in Commission Chamber at 1:30pm

April 25, 2024 - Public hearing held in Hallsville City Hall at 1:30pm

May 2, 2024 - Public hearing held in Centralia City Hall at 1:30pm

May 9, 2024-Public hearing held in Ashland City Hall at 1:30pm

May 17, 2024-The 2024 Legislative Session in end at 6pm on Friday, May 17, 2024

Commissioner Aldred stated he feels it is very important to have Boone County citizens weigh in on this issue, and it was important that the Commission put this item to a vote on the ballot so every individual affected by this policy and decision would have a chance to weigh in, as opposed to the voice of just the Commissioners. Commissioner Aldred stated he would like to thank everyone for being here today.

Commissioner Kendrick added that he wants to make clear there has never been a discussion of an income-based means test, the Commission doesn't have the capability to do that, that is done at the State level and is called the circuit breaker tax credit. Commissioner Kendrick stated the Department of Revenue has administered that program for the last twenty-five to thirty years and they do a great job. Commissioner Kendrick stated there will be no means test in the County policy as it's currently written, so the policy will not discriminate against any seniors who meet the eligibility criteria that's in the current draft. Commissioner Kendrick stated they can't technically give this credit to every citizen in Boone County because the State has defined it as age 62 and older and those who own a home. Commissioner Kendrick stated he would like to reiterate there is no means test in the current drafted policy.

Public Comment forms that were submitted are attached to the bottom of the minutes.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Thompson stated Boone County was selected as one of five counties nationwide to participate in a Juvenile Justice Innovation Network, and they will be convening with four other counties to start the process of determining best practices for the number of kids in this community heading into the juvenile justice system. Commissioner Thompson stated they will also be finding ways to better direct the efforts in the juvenile system and in community activities for kids.

Commissioner Kendrick stated the groundbreaking for the Regional Training Center at the Boone County Sheriff's Office was held yesterday. Commissioner Kendrick stated this is an important public safety aspect for Boone County and the State of Missouri. Commissioner Kendrick stated the Boone County Sheriff's Office is currently working with over forty law enforcement agencies who come to Boone County for some type of training.

Commissioner Thompson added, with the help of Governor Parsons, the county hopes that area will also include a childcare center for all our first responders. Commissioner Thompson stated there is only one other law enforcement agency in the country that has done that.

Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Kip Kendrick
Presiding Commissioner



Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner



Boone County Commission
Public Comment Form

Agenda Item: <u>Senior Property Tax Relief</u>		DATE: <u>4/18/24</u>
COMMITTEE: <u>Boone County Commission</u>		
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EMAIL: <u>jeanine.pagan@gmail.com</u>	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <u>4/18/24</u>

I have no objections to the information in this application being made public. I do hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate.

I attended the public hearing for more information. I think the commission did a good job of explaining the process to write a policy. It doesn't surprise me that the legislature rushed the legislation through without carefully looking at the things it didn't cover as in workers who were retired but don't get social security because their profession had other retirement options like teachers, first responders etc.

It isn't possible for the county to write a policy for this senior freeze in property tax if the legislature is in the process of cleaning up their mistakes.

At the meeting 4/18/24 it was said that the base year would be 2024. I assume this base would be adjusted because people who are not 62 years old in 2024, will age in to social security age, as in people who are 59 years old in 2024 won't be 62 until 2027

4/18/24 Continued
Senior Property Tax Relief

I would recommend when the county commissioner writes this tax relief policy that it explain to people that this will be based on the county's ^{assessment} assessment of property. There is a big difference between county property assessment, market value of property and house insurance replacement value. The home owner has to consider each of these separately.

I also think it was disingenuous of Columbia Public Schools to throw out unsubstantiated numbers of how much money from their property tax they would lose from this freeze. As time goes on, the seniors living in homes with property tax freeze will die off. Their homes will be sold probably to a younger family ownership. The younger family will not have the frozen base year so the public schools will get more money again.

Jeanne Pagan



Boone County Commission
Public Comment Form

Agenda Item: <u>Real Estate Tax Freeze for Seniors</u>		DATE: <u>4/18/2024</u>
COMMITTEE: <u>Boone County Commission</u>		
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I have no objections to the information in this application being made public. I do hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and accurate. Yes True + Accurate

It is high time this was passed. Seniors of all walks of life Deserve Good Representation + to be protected from being priced out of their home by High Taxes. Now Don't make This Process so rediculous / Hard that it is Difficult for People to Sign up for. Stand Up + Represent Seniors + protect Seniors

Peggy Triplett

Homeownership Rate

58.8% ± 2.6%
Homeownership Rate in Boone County, Missouri

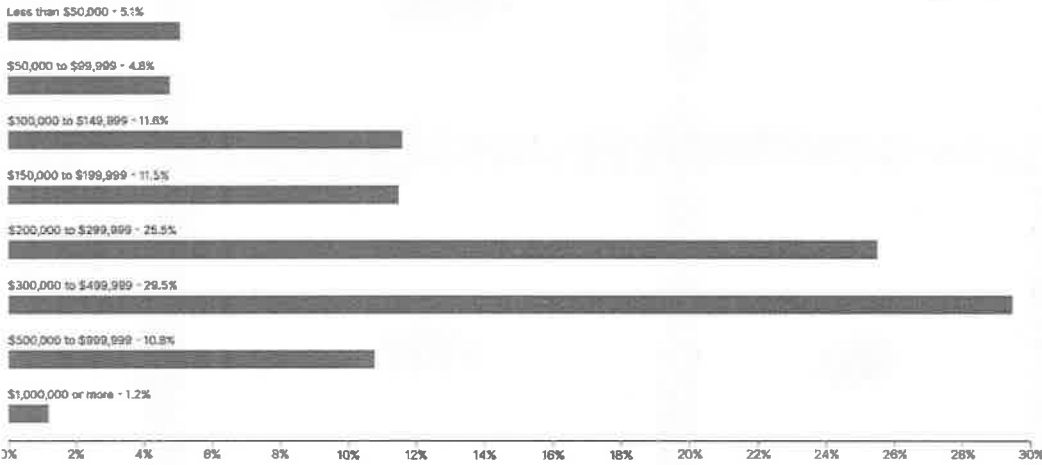
67.6% ± 0.5%
Homeownership Rate in Missouri

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