

TERM OF COMMISSION: April Session of the February 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 Counsel John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:30pm.

Subject: Personnel Policy Manual

Betty Dickneite, Human Resources Director presented the revised Personnel Policy Manual. She stated that this document is a product of review of the previous Personnel Policy Manual by a committee. She noted that John Patton reviewed the document. She also stated that the elected officials and department heads had an opportunity to give feedback on the proposed revisions.

Betty Dickneite stated that the Personnel Policy Manual is a consolidation of the County's personnel practices and information on how the County operates. She presented the document to the County Commission for approval. She stated that once the document is approved, a copy will be sent to every employee in the County.

Commissioner Stamper reported that the County Commission held a meeting with Betty Dickneite earlier today to discuss the document at length.

Commissioner Miller also noted that there would be future revisions and additions to the Personnel Policy Manual as needed.

Commissioner Vogt commented that she believes this document will provide equal opportunity employment.

Betty Dickneite stated that the former Human Resources Director, Mark Stone played an integral role in getting the project underway.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Personnel Policy as presented and authorize that the policy set forth in this manual apply to employees of Boone County not including personnel in Court Administration, Circuit Court, and elected officials. Employees of the Road & Bridge Department are covered by the policies contained herein unless otherwise provided for under the Memorandum of Understanding with Laborers Local 1274 of the Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 139-2000**

Subject: Juror Per Diem

Mary Mueller, Court Administrator's Office stated that last year new legislation, State Statute 494.455 RSMo., was passed increasing Juror Per Diem by \$6.00 per day for those counties that paid their jurors at least \$12 a day (with \$6 increase to be paid for by the State). She noted that Boone County pays their jurors \$15 a day. She stated that it was believed that the additional funding for the increase would not be available until July 2000. She stated that the funds are now available to support the increase. She stated that therefore the 13th Judicial Circuit Court has ordered that the daily compensation for jurors who serve in Boone and Callaway be increased by

\$6 effective May 1, 2000, with both counties continuing to provide their \$15 per day in addition to the \$6 from the State.

Mary Mueller stated that the reimbursement could be provided to the County from the State for each trial. She also noted that jurors are paid for their service within a week of the end of a trial.

The County Commission accepted the report for the public record.

Subject: Proclamation for Circuit Court-Juror Appreciation Week

Mary Mueller stated that the Circuit Court was recently notified that the MO Supreme Court and the MO Bar Association have designated May 1-7 as Juror Appreciation Week to build support for the mission of the courts, build rapport with communities, and promote the importance of jury service.

Commissioner Miller stated that perhaps this proclamation could be read on the radio for the community to hear.

Commissioner Stamper moved to adopt the attached proclamation. He read the proclamation into the public record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

for

JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of Missourians perform one of the most significant civic duties granted to citizens by serving as fair and impartial jurors in communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 through 1999, over 22,000 residents of Boone County reported for jury service at the Boone County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, jurors perform a vital role in the American system of justice; and

WHEREAS, jury service is a great responsibility and honor; and

WHEREAS, jury service is a civic duty of the utmost importance to our democratic way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boone County Commission hereby joins the 13th Judicial Circuit Court and the Supreme Court of Missouri in proclaiming May 1st through May 7th “Juror Appreciation Week.”

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 140-2000**

Subject: Authorization of 60-day Leave of Absence for Jim Rippetto

Commissioner Stamper stated that Frank Abart would soon be leaving employment with the County. He congratulated Frank Abart on his new position with MoDOT.

Frank Abart stated that he was present to request a leave of absence for a long time employee—Jim Rippetto. He stated that Jim Rippetto has had some health problems and would probably retire shortly after the leave of absence ended.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve a 60-day Leave of Absence for Jim Rippetto (Public Works Department) from May 3, 2000 until July 3, 2000.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 141-2000**

Subject: Adoption of Christian School Rd by BoCoMo YaYas

Frank Abart stated that Judith F. Burke, leader of the BoCoMo YaYas requested to adopt the east portion of Christian School, about a 1.5 miles in length from Hwy 63 S to Snowy Hill Dr for litter control.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the BoCoMo YaYas to adopt Christian School Rd for the purpose of picking up trash and debris as part of the Adopt-a-Road Program and in compliance with the current regulations.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that this is a great form of volunteerism in the community and the County Commission appreciates those that save public money by volunteering to keep the roadways clean.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 142-2000**

Subject: Difficulties with Fuel System at Public Works

Commissioner Stamper stated that Public Works has been experiencing difficulties with their fuel system.

Frank Abart stated that the Gasboy Fuel System was installed around 1989 and is very outdated. He stated that the department has experienced intermittent problems with the system for the last 18-24 months. He stated that last week the system went down completely. He stated that the technical experts for the system stated that it would cost \$11,695 to repair the system. He requested direction from the County Commission on how to handle this matter.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she would like an opportunity to discuss the matter with Purchasing Department before making a decision.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would bring this issue back on the agenda at a later date.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the Public Works Department to initiate the repairs to the Gasboy Computerized Gas Pump System in an amount not to exceed \$11,700 pending final approval by the County Commission and the Purchasing Department for a sole source repair.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission prefers not to make sole source acquisitions or repairs. He stated that these kinds of decisions are given a lot of thought. He asked Commissioner Vogt to send Frank Abart communication after her discussion with the Purchasing Department.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 142A-2000**

Subject: Courthouse Grounds Use for Holiday Tree Celebration on November 29, 2000

Commissioner Miller stated that she reported on this courthouse grounds use in a previous meeting. She stated that every year the U. S. capital (Washington D. C.) selects an Official People's tree. She stated that this year the tree is coming from the Colorado Pike's Peak Ranger District and will follow the Santa Fe Trail in recognition of the 179th anniversary of the trail. She stated that there would be a stop in Columbia for the celebration.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department to use the Courthouse Grounds for a Holiday Tree Celebration on Wednesday, November 29 2000 from 3pm until 7pm.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller requested that staff send Karen Ramey, Columbia Parks & Recreation Department a copy of the Commission Order authorizing this courthouse grounds use.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 143-2000**

Subject: Courthouse Grounds Use for National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2000 and Courthouse Grounds Use for a Youth Rally sponsored by Christian Chapel

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds for the National Day of Prayer-Children's Prayer Event on Thursday, May 4, 2000 from 3pm until 7pm.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize Christian Chapel to use the Courthouse Grounds to hold a Youth Rally on Saturday, April 22 2000 from 2:30pm until 3pm.

Commissioner Miller seconded both motions.

There was no discussion.

The motions passed 3-0. **Order 144-2000 and 145-2000**

Subject: Jail Visitor Report of March 15, 2000

Commissioner Stamper submitted the report for the public record. He stated that he forwarded the document to Chuck Nichols for review.

Subject: City of Columbia Annexations

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County received notice of a voluntary annexation of 30.2 acres of land owned by James Phillip Heller located generally west of Brown Station Rd and north of Waco Road, extended. He stated that the annexation appears to the compact and contiguous.

Commissioner Stamper also noted that the County received notice of a voluntary annexation of 20.18 acres land owned by Angelo Skyvalidas and Richard B. & Jackie A. Nelson, located generally north of State Route K and southeast of Old Plank Road. He submitted both annexations for the public record.

Subject: Visioning Project Consultant Services Agreement

Commissioner Miller stated that the Visioning Committee has applied for several grants for the visioning process. She stated that the Visioning Committee has been turned down for a couple of those grants and several of the other grants are still pending. She stated that in order to keep the process moving, the Visioning Committee needed to extend the contract with the consultant.

Stan Shawver stated that steering committee of the Visioning Committee met last month. He stated that the steering committee consists of about 26 representatives of different entities within the community. He stated that at the meeting, members for the various focus groups of the Visioning Committee were identified. He stated that approximately 85 people have been identified as participants of the focus groups. He stated that there has been one training held for the facilitators that will run the focus groups and another training is scheduled for facilitators on April 26, 2000.

Stan Shawver noted that the “in-kind” portion of the budget would be contributed by the Planning and Building Inspection Department in the form of staff hours.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Visioning Project Consultant Services Agreement between Boone County and the Wallace House Foundation, adopt the proposed budget for the visioning project as presented (in the agreement) by the Planning and Building Inspection staff and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that the Visioning Project was coming to a critical juncture and due diligence had been taken to find outside sources of funding. He stated that therefore out of the County Commission’s belief in the value of the project, the County is moving forward with the approval of the agreement and proposed budget for the Visioning Project. He stated that if there was disagreement on the issue, then he would like “to get that on the table and discuss it.”

Commissioner Vogt asked if the Visioning Committee is looking at other avenues of funding, in addition to the in-kind contribution.

Commissioner Stamper answered affirmatively.

Commissioner Vogt asked: what happens if those avenues do not provide funding for the project?

Commissioner Miller stated that the County would use Healthcare ProfitShare funds for the County contribution of \$17,790 and then replace those funds as grant money is received for the project. She stated that the maximum amount that would be taken from the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund, if grant money were not received, is \$17,790.

Commissioner Stamper stated that a budget revision would come forward for this agreement at a later date.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 146-2000**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper stated that he was contacted by a developer that is proposing to buy property off of Ballenger Lane. He stated that the property is in the city of Columbia, however there was a road easement to the County in fee simple for a road that was never developed. He stated that the developer has an agreement with a person that is currently being served by a road that did not go where it was supposed to (and that in the subdivision of duplexes will give him

access or easement to a street that is going to be built into it). He stated that the developer and those involved would like for the easement conveyed to the County to be waived or vacated. He asked Stan Shawver if he had any insight on this matter.

Stan Shawver stated that there is a city statute that calls for vacating the roads in a subdivision, which could pertain to this particular instance. He stated that the County could probably vacate the easement. He stated that within subdivisions, there were instances where utilities went elsewhere and the easement is requested to be vacated in order to be returned to the tax books. He stated that generally, the property owners prepare a vacation request and submit that to the County Commission.

Commissioner Stamper reported that he is scheduled for the State of the County Address on April 21st. He asked the County Commission to provide a list of any/all issues that they would like him to address by early next week.

Commissioner Stamper reported that he took the Fairgrounds Personal Property Acquisition off the agenda pending a discussion with the Fair Board to make sure that the list is finalized. He stated that the list would be available this coming Tuesday. He stated that the Fairgrounds RFP would be finalized tomorrow.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he authorized the use of the Commission Chambers by the Bob Holden for Governor Committee for the purpose of a Press Conference on April 12, 2000 at 3pm. He made a formal motion for the aforementioned Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 146A-2000**

Commissioner Stamper reported that he would be out of the County from Sunday, April 16 until Wednesday, April 19 (until noon). He asked Commissioner Vogt to act as Presiding Commissioner on Sunday and Monday and Commissioner Miller to act as Presiding Commissioner on Tuesday and Wednesday. He asked that Commissioner Vogt be designated as the Presiding Commissioner for the Tuesday County Commission meeting.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission is meeting with the Hospital Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 19 in a closed session at 2pm.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller stated that the IT Department received approval to make purchases from the State and NACo contracts for hardware and software for the imaging system.

Commissioner Miller stated that some of the purchases could be made through the Western State Contracting Alliance Cooperative at a cheaper price.

Commissioner Miller moved to amend Commission Order 113-2000 to allow the Information Technology Department to purchase the available hardware and software for the imaging system from the Western State Contracting Alliance Cooperative bid.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked: if the equipment can not be purchased from (or can be purchased more cheaply than the equipment) from the State contract, then it will be purchased from the Western State Contracting Alliance Cooperative bid instead.

Commissioner Miller answered affirmatively.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 146B-2000**

Commissioner Miller stated that earlier this week, she attended the Missouri Association of Counties' Legislative Conference. She stated that the Director of Revenue Quinton Wilson spoke on the State's activities to simplify tax collection in accordance with a group of states that are trying to find a solution for sales on the Internet. She stated that this process should be of benefit to governments and businesses that submit taxes to the Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Miller reported that last night she served on the Community Needs Assessment Nominal Group Process. She stated that they worked to determine the priorities of the social service needs in the community. She stated that the effort was organized by the United Way who will issue a report on the results in the next few days.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt reported that she received two calls concerning the Union Church Cemetery issue. She stated that Mr. Akin, of the Northern Cherokee Nation of the Old Louisiana Territory again expressed a desire to identify all of the group's burial sites in Boone County. She stated that Mr. Akin identified Union Cemetery as one of those burial sites and requested that the group be allowed to place a sign on the property identifying it as such. She stated that she did not believe that it would be a problem, however she also informed Mr. Akin that she did not know what the County's status was in reference to ownership of the property.

The County Commission suggestion that Commissioner Vogt talk with John Patton about the issue of ownership.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she also received a call from Margaret Sisson, a Boone County resident who has relatives buried in the cemetery. She stated that Margaret Sisson would like to send out letters to some of her relatives requesting donations to help with the maintenance of the cemetery.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner