

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 Counsel John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The work session was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 10:04am.

June Pitchford presented a revised schedule of changes for the proposed 2001 Budget.

Commissioner Miller noted that she had still not had an opportunity to speak with the County Clerk about the issues in that budget or about the benefits positions.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had an open-ended discussion with the Sheriff about transitioning one of his Corrections positions to a Patrol officer. He stated that he would speak with Sheriff Boehm again on the matter.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the discussions on additional staff in Human Resources and Information Technology were still pending.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the June Pitchford had not yet received the outline from John Patton concerning the County Counsel becoming a County employee.

June Pitchford stated that she spoke with Betty Dickneite, Tom Schauwecker, and Bob Ormiston about the plotter/scanner. She noted that the departments would stay with the original plan to purchase the equipment. She stated that there would be a budget revision within the Information Technology Department.

Commissioner Miller noted that the salary expectations of someone filling the vacant, Programmer I position would probably be above the base of the range.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the public hearing on the proposed 2001 Budget is set for December 21 at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Miller stated that she would like to add a position to the Information Technology Department, however she was not sure where the funds would come from.

June Pitchford noted that there are serious financial constraints in the proposed 2001 budget. She further stated that she is reluctant to add resources when there is no data to justify the need.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the stability of the staff in the Information Technology affects the department's ability to accomplish its goals.

June Pitchford stated that information from the exit interviews should be reviewed and all users should develop an understanding of how to contribute and add to the success of the IT department. She stated that a comprehensive solution has not been presented for the other problems that exist in the department outside of the vacant Programmer positions.

Commissioner Vogt stated that some issues have been addressed by the Information Technology Department, however some of the solutions were not adhered to. She stated that all of the blame could not be placed on the department.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he found the greatest need to be the law enforcement issue, then the Information Technology Department, and finally Human Resources. He stated that he

did not know if the County was in a position to address all of those areas.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission should try to reach final consensus by Wednesday afternoon in order to have a final budget at the time of the public hearing.

Commissioner Stamper stated for the public record that due to a host of unanticipated changes in the proposed 2001 budget, reserves would be taken to the minimal acceptable level. He stated that the major impacts on the budget were out of County housing and the law enforcement issues. He stated that the County would have to look for additional resources to sustain its current levels. He noted that the County may have to go to fund balance for additional resources.

Commissioner Stamper noted in response to a question from the media that the Boone County Jail is consuming a lot of resources. He noted that all of the discretionary funding is going toward inmate housing.

Commissioner Vogt noted that this issue is relative to the growth of the County.

Commissioner Miller noted that most of the changes on the schedule were outside the control of the County Commission. She stated that costs often increase, while incoming revenues do not.

The work session adjourned at 10:25am.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner