

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 Skip Elkin
County Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

National Association of Counties Executive Committee Retreat

Commissioner Miller introduced Vernon Gray, the immediate past President of the National Association of Counties (NACo), Ken Mayfield, the first Vice-President of NACo, and Larry Naake, the executive director of NACo.

Commissioner Miller noted her thanks to NACo members for choosing Boone County to host their Executive Committee retreat, in Rocheport at the Yates House over the past several days, and the value of the retreat overall. She also noted that over the past several days, key issues such as Smart Growth policies and the diversification of affordable housing for all nationalities was discussed with Richard Mendenhall, President of the National Association of Realtors.

Vernon Gray stated that he wished to thank Commissioner Miller for her hard work with NACo. He also noted his gratitude to Boone County for the hospitality it showed to the Committee during its stay here.

Ken Mayfield stated his appreciation for Commissioner Miller's involvement with NACo. He also noted that Boone County as well as every other state will benefit from Commissioner Miller's hard-work and leadership.

Larry Naake stated his appreciation to the community for allowing Commissioner Miller the time to attend the NACo meetings in Washington D.C. He also noted how the work being done by this committee would help Boone County.

Subject: Second Reading/ Final Adoption for Placement of Civil War Memorial

Bob Bedsworth was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Boone County Historical Society (BCHS) was present at the last meeting for final adoption of the Civil War Memorial. Due to a difference of opinion, regarding whether a proper order had ever been drafted on this issue, the item was returned today for a second reading.

Commissioner Stamper read a Commission Order from January 23, 1997 into the public record as follows:

Now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the placement of a memorial on the Courthouse Square to recognize those who sacrificed their lives in the Civil War. The location of the memorial must be approved by the Courthouse Square Committee and ratified by the County Commission.

Commissioner Stamper stated the Commission was in concurrence with the selection of the site, and that he had placed a phone call to the Chairman of the Courthouse Square Committee. He noted that the Commission will seek their agreement on the matter, and that Commission Order 33-97 stands.

Bob Bedsworth stated that the BCHS has placed an order for the monument, and it should be delivered, some time in September. He noted that a dedication ceremony would be planned for sometime in late September/ Early October.

Subject: Fairgrounds Site Survey Phase II Discussion

David Vaught, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Phase I of this project was the reports graduate students at the University of Missouri put together. Commissioner Elkin noted the Mr. Vaught was present today to discuss Phase II, which is an extension of the work that has been previously completed.

David Vaught stated that in early December of 1999, the process was begun to attempt to define what was at the fairgrounds. A group of graduate students was selected to develop some master plans for the fairgrounds. He noted that the students were given complete flexibility and latitude with this project.

David Vaught stated that four documents were produced from their findings, which were completed by May of 2000. He noted that in the year since the documents' completion, the students have begun combing their findings to develop what he termed "Digital Layers" for everything that is at the fairgrounds. (An example of which would be survey coordinates for the 500 RV hookups, gas lines and electrical pedestals in the fairgrounds, which are identified and located in the digital layering system.) He also noted that the layering system would cover the entire fairground area, as well as all the utilities included within the area. He acknowledged that this is the next logical step (defining, inventorying what is currently available) in the planning process for the fairgrounds. He further noted the digital layering system takes this information and makes it readily accessible to anyone.

David Vaught stated that the digital layering system could even be available on-line, for the benefit of the General Public to use, not just County personnel and officials. He noted that in

addition to those benefits, other issues such as the demographics (neighborhoods, profiles of the neighborhoods) surrounding the fairgrounds, would also be observed.

David Vaught stated that the purpose of this plan would most likely be to ultimately employ an outside firm to develop a master plan, but have the analysis for the site already completed. He noted that his team of students could do this initial work at an economical fee, as opposed to a consulting firm completing the work at a greater cost. He noted that this work gives students an excellent opportunity to engage and educate students themselves in this type of process. He also noted that this information could be used in public meetings/ forums with any development projects that may occur in the area, in the future.

Commissioner Miller stated the problem, prior to this work, was determining what the next step would be for the fairgrounds. She noted that this preliminary work will work well with the county's GIS department, and hopefully generate interest in the use for the Coliseum.

Commissioner Miller asked if a funding source had been identified or would be required for this project.

Commissioner Elkin stated that different options are currently being evaluated. He noted that the digital overlay system would give building dimensions and sizes of different buildings available for use, which could help in the marketing and advertising of the facilities.

David Vaught stated that the high-quality graphic equipment and software owned by both the University and the County, that could be used on-line by potential visitors and lessors of the facilities.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the University's proposal will be valuable in the master planning process of the fairgrounds, and noted the well thought-out, significant planning process that goes into a project like this.

Commissioner Stamper wished to state his intent to Mr. Vaught in striking an agreement with the University for this purpose. He noted that Commissioner Elkin is to identify a funding source for this project.

Commissioner Stamper asked what the amount would be for this project.

Commissioner Elkin responded that it would be about \$21,000.

Commissioner Stamper requested that Commissioner Elkin bring back the appropriate paperwork necessary for a first-reading and public comment in regards to this matter.

Subject: Discussion on Vandiver Drive Extension

Bill Watkins, City Administration Office was present on behalf of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Bill Watkins was present for a discussion on the updated changes or proposals his office had concerning Vandiver Drive.

Bill Watkins stated that his office was rapidly approaching the point for MODOt to approve the plans and changes with the developer.

Bill Watkins presented a map to the Commission of the proposed Vandiver Road extension plans (up to Mexico Gravel Road).

Bill Watkins noted that this extension would provide an arterial street essentially across North Columbia, nothing of which currently exists. He also noted the Fire Departments endorsement of such a road.

Bill Watkins noted that road would be built in several phases. He also noted that the project was now a MODOt project, not a city project. In phase II (to be started in 2002) if there is any work to be done on the East side of Highway 63 a traffic study will need to be completed, paid for by the developer, to establish if Vandiver will need to be widened.

Bill Watkins stated that this project is on the city's thoroughfare plan.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County entered into an agreement almost two years ago to fund this project in four equal increments. The reason for this decision was for the enhanced transportation/ commute ability on an East/West corridor. He noted that it would help take some traffic off of other nearby roads and streets. He also noted the project would cost Boone County approximately \$1.168 million.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Mr. Watkins informed him that the project had gone up in cost. He noted, however, that Mr. Watkins was not asking the County for more money. He further noted the Mr. Watkins requested that the County give consideration to accelerating its payment schedule.

Commissioner Stamper stated that since this is now a State-run project, it requires that it have "all money in hand" before beginning the project. Commissioner Stamper noted the problem that would create in the County's budgetary approach. He also noted that he would assign liaison commissioner to Public Works and David Mink, Director of Public Works, to investigate the options available on this matter, and to articulate to the City of Columbia what the County is capable and incapable of doing above and beyond the scope of the agreement currently agreed upon by the County.

Bill Watkins stated the need for urgency on this matter, noting a possible May deadline. He noted that the goal is to open some of the road by Christmas of 2002.

Commissioner Miller asked what were some of reason the state required that this go from a City

project to a MODoT project.

Bill Watkins responded that MODoT requested it, noting a previous bad experience with a local interchange in Kansas City.

Bill Watkins noted that the City has already received one of the payments from the County, and that the second payment is due shortly, meaning that half of the money will have already been received. He also noted that since it was now a MODoT project, that there will also be some procedural changes as well.

Commissioner Stamper noted that a report had been received on the Vandiver Drive Extension, and that project be investigated and discussed with the liaison Commissioner to Public Works and the Director of Public Works, with a recommendation for the Commission.

There was no public comment on this matter.

Subject: Discussion of Proposed Boone Hospital Center Lease

Barbara Weaver, Chair of the Hospital Trustees was present on behalf of this matter

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Hospital Trustees took-up this matter to discuss on Tuesday evening. The lease was ratified at that time, and at this time the trustees are presenting a ratified document to the Commission, between the Hospital Trustees and CH Allied. He noted that the County Commission has worked actively with the Trustees and their consultants in trying to reach this lease. He also noted that there has not been time to ask other elected officials for their input, and acknowledged the document into the public record.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it was the Commission's hope to have at least one public hearing on the document.

Commissioner Miller stated that since this is the County's largest asset, that the Commission should advertise a public hearing on the matter, but acknowledged the trustees readiness to approve the document.

Barbara Weaver noted that there had been no substantive changes from the many public hearings the Trustees have held.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not want to "stretch the issue out", but did wanted to create an opportunity for public comment from the community.

Barbara Weaver asked about the timeframe the Commission had in mind for this matter.

Commissioner Stamper responded that he wanted to give it a week, with approval next Thursday.

Commissioner Stamper stated that problems with the current hospital lease, as it was functioning, were due to health-care changes. He noted the “rigid” quality of the original lease. After taking in a lot of information, from various sources a Log was created in an attempt to answer what would make the lease a better lease, establishing “community priorities”. Commissioner Stamper further noted that even though there may be some disagreement on semantics, it is an extraordinary improvement in the lease. He acknowledged that it defines reinvestment, and the role of the hospital Trustee involvement.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the document had been acknowledged into the public record, and that three opportunities for public input will be scheduled, next week.

Barbara Weaver stated the Trustees appreciate the time the Commission took on this matter, and acknowledged the good input received from each of the Commissioners.

There was no public comment on this matter.

Subject: First Reading of Budget Revision for Section 8 Housing (HUD)

Anita Sanderson and Barbara Johnson were present on behalf of this item.

Anita Sanderson stated the paperwork presented to the Commission is a revised FY02 budget and a revised requisition for payment for the voucher program, effective May 1, 2001. She noted that the budget revision reflects the transfer of 417 metro vouchers to the Columbia Housing Authority, leaving a total of 378 certificates and vouchers for the six counties Central Missouri Counties’ Human Development Corporation (CMCHDC) administers.

Commissioner Stamper asked when the submission deadline for this issue is, noting that normally it would come back for approval next Tuesday.

Barbara Johnson stated that HUD needs the documents for review by the 20th of April. Therefore the document needs to be returned to HUD before that date, for review.

Commissioner Miller stated that it wouldn’t give much time for review if the Commission waits to approve the signing of the documents until next week, and voted to waive the reading policy.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Estimate of Total Required Annual Contributions, form HUD-52673, the Requisition for Partial Payment of Annual Contributions, form HUD-52663, Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements, form HUD-50071, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, Standard Form SF-LLL.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 165-2001**

Subject: Court Administrator's Office

Bob Perry, Court Administrator's Office was present on behalf of these items.

A. First Reading of Budget Amendment for Drug Court Grant

Bob Perry stated that the Court Administrator's Office received this grant approximately two years ago, and the Grant will end in September 2001. He noted that the Amendment is merely an outline of how this money will be spent this year, until the Grant runs out in September. He further noted that this money is 100% Federal funding.

Commissioner Miller asked why there was a decrease of \$200 to the "Supplies" account (1243-23000) for this Grant.

Bob Perry responded that he did not know.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this is a first read item, and should be returned for final Commission approval at least 10 days after the first reading.

B. 13th Circuit Family Court- Juvenile Division State Services to Victim Fund Grant Application

Bob Perry stated that the Court Administrator's Office is requesting permission to seek a Grant Application for \$32,717.74. The Grant is a continuation Grant proposal for the Victim Advocate Service in the Juvenile division. He stated that this grant requires no cash match from the County. He noted that the Grant is granted on a year-to-year basis. He also noted that the County is now in its third year with this Grant, and should continue receiving it, as long the County continues to meet the standards of the Victim Advocacy Service, since the Grant approval is known for being fairly consistent with renewals.

Bob Perry stated that the Grant provides for a Victim Advocate position, travel related to that position, and basic supplies.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this item has been first read, and should be returned to the next available meeting for approval.

Subject: Modifications to current policy regarding change orders and Director of Public Works Authority

David Mink, Public Works Director was present on behalf of these item.

Commissioner Miller stated that a work session had taken place, to discuss the confusion surrounding the Change Order process for road and building projects, and the Public Works Director's authorization to have authority up to a certain level. She noted that a language was attempted to be worked-out to change these issues and problems.

Commissioner Miller requested to modify Change Order #343-96, giving the liaison Commissioner authority to sign change orders on road and building construction and design projects up to 5% of the project cost per change order not to exceed the cumulative contingency. Any change order in excess of the contingency must go on a commission agenda.

Commissioner Miller requested to rescind change orders 134-98, 73-2000, and 259-99.

Commissioner Miller also requested that a new order, giving the Director of Public Works the authority to enter into professional service agreements for roadway and building improvements in an amount up to \$4500 and authorize additional services up to 10% or \$4500, whichever is less per contract. Professional service agreements on excess of \$4500 will be allowed relating to traffic analysis only.

David Mink asked if it would be a good idea to have a definition of the word "contingency" in the change order, or would it vary from project to project, noting that it could become a point of confusion at a later date.

Commissioner Miller asked whether every project has a contingency in them.

David Mink stated that currently the contingency is probably zero, which would give Commissioner Miller no authority to sign anything.

David Mink asked if a definition of the contingency could be something around 10% of the original contract amount, or 10% of the budget amount.

Commissioner Miller clarified that what Mr. Mink was asking for is that the contingency be whatever the contingency is OR 10% for the project if no contingency exists, and stated that she didn't see that as a problem.

John Patton stated that the contingency should be defined, and noted that in previous, larger projects the contingency was identified somewhere between 5-15% as a part of the budget. He noted that he wasn't sure if that was always done on smaller jobs.

Commissioner Stamper noted that any changes that should be made should be done before final adoption. He noted that he wanted there to be public comment on this matter, due to its non-traditional subject-matter.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the first reading/report had been first read into the public record, and that it should be returned to the next meeting for public comment and final approval.

There was no public comment on this matter.

Subject: First Reading for the Purchase of a Chair and Keyboard Tray for Director's Office

Melinda Bobbitt, Director of Purchasing was present on behalf of this item.

Melinda Bobbitt stated a request for permission to purchase a chair and keyboard stand for her office. She noted that the price of the two items is \$647. She also stated that she would like to use money in her department that was budgeted for a printer cabinet, in the amount of \$680, for the purchase of these two items. She noted that she would request the money for the Printer Cabinet again, in the 2002 budget.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this meant she'd be reassigning the money to another item.

Melinda Bobbitt answered affirmatively.

Commissioner Miller stated that Ms. Bobbitt was not part of the 2001 budget process. She noted that Ms. Bobbitt is a new employee. Ms. Bobbitt discovered, after being hired, that there were physical problems created by her current chair and keyboard stand, which she uses on a daily basis. She further noted that this seemed like a reasonable solution, and if the problem was not addressed, now it could become a workman's comp issue later.

Commissioner Stamper stated that issue had been first read into the public record, and that it should be returned to the next meeting for final approval.

Subject: Certification of Election Results

Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk was present on behalf of this item.

Wendy Noren stated that her first item was the certification of election results for the Centralia Special Road District. She noted that she attached her certificate of election results.

Wendy Noren read the following certificate into the public record as follows:

I, Wendy Noren, Clerk of the County Commission and Election Authority in and for the County of Boone, State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the election held in the Centralia Special Road District, County of Boone, State of Missouri, on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, there were cast by the qualified voters of said Road District the following votes:

Commissioner

Ralph C. Jobe

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Greg Martin

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed of the seal of the County of Boone, done at office in Columbia, Missouri this 5th day of April 2001.

Wendy Noren offered to the Commission to hereby accept the Certificate of Election Results for the Centralia Special Road District from Wendy S. Noren, County Clerk and Election Authority for the County of Boone. Ralph C. Jobe, having received a majority of votes cast at the election held in said district, is hereby declared the winner and elected Commissioner of the Centralia Special Road District for a term of three years commencing April 16, 2001. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the certificate of election.

Commissioner Stamper moved to accept the offer on behalf of the Commission.

Wendy Noren stated that she didn't have time for a second reading on this matter, noting that she had to swear-in the hospital trustees this afternoon. She also noted that she couldn't do this prior to today's Commission meeting because the results had not yet been verified.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 166-2001**

Wendy Noren stated that her other item was for Hospital Trustee. She noted that the election for Hospital Trustee falls under the provision 115.124 RSMo., 2000, of the statues, stating that, "In a non-partisan county office if the number of candidates does not exceed the number of positions to be filled, then no election is held".

Wendy Noren offered to the Commission to declare H. Jerry Murrell elected Hospital Trustee for Boone County for a term of five years commencing April 12, 2001 pursuant to the provisions of 115.124 RSMo., 2000, in the that the number of candidates for Hospital Trustee did not exceed the number of positions to be filled at the April 2001 election, and authorizing the Presiding Commissioner to sign the certificate of election.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 167-2001**

Subject: Second Reading/ Approval of Request for Splitting A Position into Two Positions

Ted Boehm, Boone County Sheriff and Beverly Braun, Sheriff's Department were present on

behalf of this item.

Commissioner Elkin asked about the total savings and the total needed, and where the total of \$3,204.40 is coming from.

Beverly Braun responded that there was money remaining from the Class 1 savings, noting that an Investigator was put on a Grant, retroactive to January 1, 2001. The salary savings from positions 397 and 71 created totaled \$46,688.40. The amount necessary for the two positions (before equipment) is \$34,413.00 (plus the \$9,071.00 for benefits). This amount will still leave a surplus of \$3,204.40, which could be used as part of the equipment cost for the Patrol Officer position.

Commissioner Elkin and Beverly Braun noted an email from June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, with calculations of base salary. Commissioner Elkin stated that it noted the Additional Annual expense based on the base salary.

Beverly Braun stated that the auditor based her calculations on the base of range for a Lieutenant. She noted that someone would almost never have someone at the base of the range for a Lieutenant because the Sheriff's Department would promote a person instead.

Sheriff Boehm stated that simply looking at the qualifications of the candidate would usually keep a person from hiring at the base of the range for the position.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it would be wrong of the Commission to not embrace the personnel issue. He noted that if it was possible instead of acquiring an additional new car, possibly only trading-in nine cars this time, and expanding the fleet in that manner. He further noted this seemed like a reasonable compromise that avoids out-laying almost \$22,000.00 by the Commission.

Sheriff Boehm stated that he was agreeable to his proposition.

Commissioner Miller stated that this is the type of work that needs to be done, when an outside study is done like this. She noted that this sort of effort keeps the best interest of Boone County in mind, and added she thought the retention of one car was a good compromise.

Commissioner Elkin stated that he gave his full support to the matter as well.

There was no public comment on this matter.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Sheriff's Department to take Position #71 (Lieutenant) and the savings from the vacancy in Position #397 (Investigator), and create two new positions:

Position	Range
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Clerical (Civilian position)	12
Patrol Officer (New position)	20

The equipment needs for the Patrol Officer position will be achieved through the trading-in of one less vehicle.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment on this matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 168-2001**

Subject: Public Works Department

A. Second Reading/ Approval of Utility & Water Uneconomic Remnant, St. Charles Road

Commissioner Miller stated that the Easement had been first read last week, and noted that since the land is unusable for anything else, it's good that it can be valuable in the re-location of the Tee Box on Hole #2 at the Lake of Woods Golf Course.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to execute the Utility and Water Line Easement for St. Charles Road Phase II on behalf of the County Commission, and that the order be certified by the County Clerk and be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment on this matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 169-2001**

B. Second Reading/ Approval of Uneconomic Remnant, St. Charles Project

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to execute the Quit-Claim Deed for the uneconomic remnant on St. Charles Road Phase II on behalf of the County Commission, and that the order be certified by the County Clerk and be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 170-2001**

Subject: Second Reading to Award Bid #02-31JAN01 (Corrections Software System)

Commissioner Elkin moved to award bid 02-31JAN01 as follows:

FOR	TO
Corrections Software Systems	HTE, Inc.

Said bid is awarded by the recommendation of the Purchasing Department. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment on this matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 171-2001**

Subject: Second Reading/ Approval to Purchase Firewall for the Information Technology Department

Commissioner Miller stated that the Firewall is required for security reasons between the State Courts and the County’s computer systems.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the purchase of an unbudgeted Firewall for the Information Technology Department, in the amount of \$1590.10.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 171A-2001**

Subject: Authorize Commission Chambers/ Courthouse Grounds Use

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds and the Commission Chambers for a Victim Rights Week Ceremony and Reception, sponsored by the Boone County Prosecutors Office on April 27, 2001 from 2-4pm.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 172-2001**

Subject: Reappointments to Boards and Commissions

A. Boone County Senior Citizens Services

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Mr. Barton is the chair for the Boone County Senior Citizens Services (doing business as Boone Retirement Center), and his re-appointment was a good choice for the position.

Commissioner Elkin moved to reappoint J. Barton Boyle from Missouri Township to a three year term on the Boone County Senior Citizens Services Corporation beginning April 1, 2001 and ending April 1, 2004.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 173-2001**

B. Planning and Zoning Commission

Commissioner Stamper stated that there had only been one applicant for this position.

Commissioner Elkin moved to reappoint Patricia Smith from Perche Township to the Boone County Planning and Zoning Committee, beginning April 1, 2001 and ending April 1, 2005.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, and no public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 174-2001**

Subject: Rescind Commission Order #145-2001

Commissioner Miller stated that the rescind order was caused by the accidental double-hearing for the CDBG grant. This action would avoid having the same Commission Order in the record twice.

Commissioner Miller moved to rescind Commission order #145-2001, de-obligating \$43,949.82 of unused CDBG funds for Ozark Air Lines infrastructure project.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment on the matter.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 175-2001**

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Report on Community Partnership Board of Directors Meeting on 3/20/01

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had attended the Community Partnership Board of Directors meeting. He noted that things are going well with the partnership. He further noted that a retreat is planned for April, 28 2001, to approve an Administrative structure.

Check Received from the Hazardous Materials Preparedness (HMEP) Fund

Commissioner Stamper stated that a check, in the amount of \$2,246.05 had been received from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Fund. He noted that the check was issued upon approval of the application for funding submitted by the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and can be used only according to the guidelines set forth by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission.

Report on Personnel Advisory Committee Meeting

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had attended the meeting, at which time several issues were discussed. Areas of interest involving the Administrative manual, that were discussed, were sick leave, and temporary employment-hiring issues. Commissioner Stamper also noted that the debate over whether or not there should be a Chairperson for the Committee occurred at the meeting.

Commissioner Miller

Report on Airport Advisory Committee

Commissioner Miller stated she had attended the meeting. She noted that a request was made by Parking Operations to begin accepting Credit Cards as a form of payment in the Airport Pay Parking Lot.

Commissioner Miller also reported on the airport beacon, noting that there had been a request made to keep it at the fairgrounds. She noted that the Beacon is in excellent condition, as well as its historical importance, and airport personnel wishes to preserve it in the museum.

Commissioner Stamper noted his hesitation in moving any historical item, and the feedback it would cause from the community. He noted that some would like it to go back to the Cosmo Airport hangar site.

Commissioner Miller responded that it would stand a greater chance of vandalism if it were moved away to the airport hangar. She noted, however, the greater number of people that would be able to view the Beacon, if it were moved to a museum setting.

Report on Boone County Group Homes & Family Support

Commissioner Miller stated that the meeting covered regular interests. One area of interest

concerned Section 8 housing. She noted that the group homes would become Section 8 homes, noting that the Columbia Housing Authority meets on April, 17, 2001 to discuss the issue.

Missouri Association of Counties Legislative

Commissioner Miller stated that she had attended the Conference in Jefferson City on April 9 and 10th and that there was a good attendance at the meeting. Issues discussed of interest included the state's transportation plan, and the creation of a new ¾ cent, state-wide sales tax, creating an extra \$10 million in local revenue for road work. Commissioner Miller noted that this new tax would create an extra burden on the county, limiting local option sales tax passage

Commissioner Miller also reported on the 3-cent gas tax proposed by the state, and noted that the money was intended for the state and the state only, however with the Constitutional Amendment passed by the voters, the County would receive CART funds off the 3 cents.

Commissioner Miller further noted that nine counties in Missouri are holding, and are ready to be re-classified as Class 1 Counties.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he believed that there would have been even more counties to be re-classified as Class 1, than noted on the list.

Commissioner Elkin

Report on Smart Growth Coalition

Commissioner Elkin reported that among the many issues discussed with the coalition, the main topic was drafting a statement to turn Phillips track into a park.

Report on Solid Waste Management District

Commissioner Elkin stated that on September 22, 2001, the County would be having a free tire disposal service. He noted that the county would also be accepting tires on rims. He encouraged everyone to bring in their old tires.

Commissioner Elkin also stated that the next meeting of the Solid Waste Management District would occur on May 9th, 2001.

Report on Transportation Advisory Council Meeting with MODoT

Commissioner Elkin stated that he and Commissioner Miller attended the meeting, where MODoT transportation projects were discussed. The main topic discussed was the use of a "point system" for road and bridges in Missouri. Projects with the most points would receive attention first with MODoT. Some of the projects in Boone that received the most points were the Airport interchange, the Route B by-pass at Hallsville, and the bridge junction at the junkyard (off Highway WW).

Commissioner Miller stated her concerns with CATSO, noting that she believed the solutions were "shortsighted". She is also concerned about the problems with regional versus local

projects, and which projects would be deemed “more important”.

Commissioner Miller requested of the Commission that she be allowed to draft a letter to MODoT, stating problems she had felt existed, in regards to Highway 63 and the creation of a limited access highway, plus the addition of outer roads along that highway.

Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Elkin were not opposed, and there was no further discussion on the matter.

Commissioner Stamper welcomed the new Facilities Maintenance Manger, Ken Roberts to the Boone County Staff.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57pm.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner