

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the April 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 9:30 a.m.

1. Employee of the 1st Quarter Recognition

Susan Wells, County Clerk's Office, presented the Employee of the 1st Quarter award to Kelle Westcott, Public Works.

The following employees were nominated:

Megan Martin, Sheriff's Department - Corrections
Alicia Koetting, Sheriff's Department - Corrections
Jason Carlyle, Sheriff's Department - Enforcement
Mary Schooley, Public Works Department - Design & Construction
Justin Skouby, Public Works Department - Design & Construction

Health Department

Kala Gunier, Health Department, was present on behalf of this item.

2. Order for Abatement – 20221 N. Mount Pleasant, Hartsburg

Ms. Gunier stated she received a complaint on this property in February. She stated the property owner did not sign for the notice, so she put it in the newspaper. The phone number in the phone book was disconnected. She stated she is asking for approval to abate the two vehicles on the property.

Commissioner Elkin asked if it was just vehicles.

Ms. Gunier stated that is correct.

Commissioner Pearson asked how this could be cured.

Ms. Gunier stated the owner could remove the vehicles from the property or make them not visible from public roads.

Commissioner Pearson asked if he could put them in a building.

Ms. Gunier stated he could, just as long as they are no longer visible.

James Schrader, 20221 N. Mount Pleasant Rd., Hartsburg, was present.

Mr. Schrader asked if he could put up a privacy fence to block the view.

Ms. Gunier stated he could do that.

Mr. Schrader stated he doesn't have the title for one of the vehicles so there is not much he can do with it.

Commissioner Miller stated the way we usually handle this when it gets to this point is to approve the abatement and let the property owner work with the Health Department to try to clear up the problem without the County actually having to do the abatement.

Ms. Gunier stated we usually will give about 30 days to work something out.

Commissioner Miller 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 20221 N. Mount Pleasant Rd., Hartsburg (parcel #27-202-03-00-025.00 01).

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 208-2009**

Sheriff's Department

3. Budget Amendment for Purchase of K9 (first reading)

Commissioner Miller stated we set up this budget in February, and it looks like the costs are different than what was budgeted for, so this amendment is to cover the additional cost.

Commissioner Pearson 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 following the mandatory 10 day waiting period with an appropriate order for approval.

Purchasing

Tyson Boldan, Purchasing, was present on behalf of these items.

4. 14/2008 – Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL)/GPS Vehicle Tracking (first reading)

Mr. Boldan stated Purchasing and Public Works request permission to utilize the City of Columbia contract for Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL)/GPS Vehicle Tracking with AT&T Mobility of St. Louis, Missouri.

Purchase is for 36 GPS units with installation for a total of \$20,427.44 to be paid from Department 2040 – Public Works Maintenance Operations, Account 91300 – Machinery & Equipment (\$14,987.44) and Account 60250 – Equipment Installation Charges (\$5,440.00). \$15,750.00 is budgeted in 91300 for the equipment and \$5,440.00 is budgeted in 70050 for installation and monthly service.

There will be a monthly service charge of \$1,854.60. \$27,000.00 for the service charge has been budgeted in Department 2040 – Public Works Maintenance Operations, Account 70050 – Software Service Contract.

Commissioner Miller asked Chip Estabrooks, Public Works, to explain what we are doing with this equipment.

Mr. Estabrooks stated he spent some time reviewing several of the automatic vehicle locator systems. He stated he also spent a lot of time looking at the system that the City of Columbia is using and decided that would be the system that would work best for Boone County. During the winter months, this will provide a vehicle monitoring system so we can monitor where our trucks have been during the snow removal process and hopefully refine some of the districts we have out there. We currently spend a lot of money on contractors to do some of the subdivisions, and hopefully this will cut down on that need. He stated this system will also track our vehicles for when he have liability issues such as broken windows and knocked down mailboxes. This will provide some accident reporting that will help us in that area.

Commissioner Pearson asked how long the City has had their system.

Mr. Estabrooks stated it has been over two years. They started out with a pilot program and then expanded their program to about 100 units.

Commissioner Pearson asked what their experience has been.

Mr. Estabrooks stated they are really pleased with it. The efficiencies they have experienced have allowed them to expand the system beyond Public Works into things like garbage collection and other utility entities.

Commissioner Miller stated she thinks it will be helpful when people call saying our trucks kicked up rocks and broke windows. We will be able to go back and see if our truck was even there or if it was a private truck.

Commissioner Pearson 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 an appropriate order for approval.

5. Staples Agreement (first read on 4/30/09)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement with Staples of Farmington, MA, addressing contract 05-11JAN05 – Office Supplies.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 209-2009**

6. 17-03APR09 – Deed Record and Index Books (first read on 4/30/09)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby award bid 17-03APR09 – Deed Record and Index Books to Bear Graphics Inc. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 210-2009**

Columbia Chamber of Commerce

Larry Moore, Chairman of Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and Don Laird, President of Columbia Chamber of Commerce, were present on behalf of this item.

7. Discussion of Proposed Funding Source for Economic Development

Mr. Moore stated what he is presenting to the Commission is a result of some of the committee meetings in the Chamber, and it includes a resolution by the Chamber Board asking that the County Commission explore a ballot issue to adopt a county-wide sales tax for job growth. He stated we are losing a lot of jobs and have a lot of people unemployed. A lot of people need retraining. Those are the types of things this sales tax can do. He stated he realizes this is a difficult economy to be requesting any kind of increase in taxes, and having business people come forward to ask for more taxes is not an ordinary thing, but he thinks it is an extraordinary time. He stated the things that we are doing for economic development, this could be one of the missing pieces. We have lots of things going for us in Boone County, but we are not having great

success competing on a national level. Part of that is because we need some more money to be able to tell our story. We think that is one of the things this sales tax could be used for. He stated they are not trying to suggest how much this will generate or how big a sales tax this should be because the County government knows more about that. He stated we are just trying to point out that something like this can be done. We can better compete and have our workforce ready for these new jobs with something like this. He stated there are local technical training colleges that want to work with us to be able to provide some kind of training. We have great educational opportunities in Boone County, but the technical training piece is missing, and that could be something that could attract some new businesses. He stated we just want to ask the Commission to look at this as a possibility, and the Chamber is willing to do whatever they can to help get it done.

Commissioner Miller stated this is an effort by all of the local chambers of commerce and not just the Columbia Chamber.

Mr. Moore stated that is correct. He stated if you look at the described outline for who should make up the tax board overseeing the funds, it could easily have very good county-wide representation.

Commissioner Miller stated it fits the core mission, it fits the REDI mission, and it fits our other economic efforts.

Commissioner Pearson stated it would permit cities outside of Columbia to realize the benefits of economic development through this process. If cities around the County have projects that they think could benefit them and it is recommended by this board and approved by the Commission, it could help the entire region. He stated this is something that needs to be done and we need to provide the leadership to look at this.

Commissioner Elkin stated he likes this and thinks it is needed. He asked what the thoughts were on figuring out what the amount should be.

Mr. Moore stated he thinks it is important that everyone understands that what we are talking about is an investment. It could be shown that investments in this type of thing produces tremendous returns. It is a tax, but it is an investment in the future. He stated we kind of have to back into the numbers. We have to look at the needs and how much money we would need to meet those needs.

Commissioner Elkin asked if we are going to be appointing an ad hoc committee for this or if we are going to work through REDI and the Chamber.

Commissioner Pearson stated his thought was since we already have the roads group with members from all of the chambers and communities, we could use that as a good starting point. We could have a presentation and discussion and see what happens.

Mr. Moore stated that sounds like a reasonable plan. He stated he doesn't see REDI's role

changing very much. He stated they could have projects that they could bring forward, but that doesn't preclude the other cities from coming forward with their projects.

Commissioner Miller stated good policy will make it work. She asked Commissioner Pearson if he had any timeline for when he thinks he would pull the group together.

Commissioner Pearson stated it would probably be pretty soon; maybe by the first part of June.

Commissioner Pearson thanked Mr. Moore and Mr. Laird for attending.

Boone County Regional Sewer District

8. Adopt W.B. Smith Sanitary Sewer NID Final Assessment Role (first read on 4/30/09)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby compute the final cost of the sewer improvement project for the **W.B. Smith Sanitary Sewer** Neighborhood Improvement District as certified by the Auditor to be \$ 112,443.73

The County Commission does hereby apportion the cost of said project equally by lot/tract of property within said district according to the provisions of 67.463.2 RSMO. (2007 Supp.) and petition approved by said Commission.

The County Commission further orders special assessments against the properties as described in the attached Exhibit A and orders the Clerk to proceed with the notification and collection of said assessments pursuant to the statutory provisions of 67.463 RSMo.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 211-2009**

Miscellaneous

9. Authorize Use of Courthouse Grounds

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds on May 31, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. for Confederate Memorial Day.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 212-2009**

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Pearson reported on the following:

Boone County Council on Aging: Commissioner Pearson stated Kitchens in Bloom was last Sunday. They think it went pretty well. They sold about 50 tickets at the door.

Extension Council: Commissioner Pearson stated the Extension Council formed a service subcommittee to look at ways of raising additional funds because they know that times are tight. Some of their staff money from the university is being cut. They have a shortfall this year. He stated they also had a committee meeting about the town and country dinner. There was some discussion of changing the format of the meeting to making it just Missouri-made products, but some of the members did not like that.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Attest:

Kenneth M. Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner