

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 Daniel K. Atwill
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Dave Eversole
Deputy County Clerk Cameron Clarke

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Human Resources

1. Recommendation from the Job Classification Committee (second reading, first read 5/17/2012)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the recommendation by the Job Classification Committee to establish a new position classification titled **Assistant Manager of Road Maintenance Operations**, on pay range 46 in the Public Works Department. The position will have new class code number 3029, and have “exempt” status.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order # 249-2012**

Commission

2. Letter proposing Cost Share/ Economic Development funds with MoDOT (first reading)

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a letter that will bear the Commission’s signatures to David Sylvester, the district engineer, advising him of the County’s intentions with respect to construction out around Route Z, and our participation in cost sharing.

Commissioner Miller stated nice opportunity to get it moving along.

Commissioner Elkin stated it was good that they had a better understanding of the network of the entire area, not just the interstate routes.

Commissioner Atwill 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.

3. Budget amendment for Courthouse Economizer (first reading)

Commissioner Miller stated this is part of our matching dollars for the energy grant. Commissioner Miller stated we're required to come up with \$1.4 million worth of match, and the biggest portion was the Government Center remodel that we had planned to do anyway. Commissioner Miller stated this wasn't budgeted because we didn't know how much we would need to budget. Commissioner Miller stated this is out of the capital repair and replacement fund, and the total amount is \$189,946. Commissioner Miller stated only one bid was received, and it went back to the engineer. Commissioner Miller stated the engineer reviewed the bid. Commissioner Miller stated the bid is \$148,000, but when you add engineering and CNC control, and the 10% contingency you get to the \$189,000. Commissioner Miller stated we may not use all of it, but we need to have this done before we award the bid.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading after the 10 day hold required for budget amendments with an appropriate order for approval.

4. Organizational Use of the Courthouse Grounds by Sons of Confederate Veterans for Confederate Memorial Day on June 3, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (first and second reading)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the organizational use of the Boone County Courthouse Grounds by Sons of Confederate Veterans on June 3rd, 2012 from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm for a Confederate Memorial Day.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order # 250-2012**

5. Approve Closed Session authorized per RSMo 610.021(1) at 2:30 pm on 5/24/2012 (first and second reading)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize a closed meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 338 of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E. Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized by 610.021(1) RSMo. to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order # 251-2012**

6. Public Comment

Dave Eversole was present to see what the Commission's policy or requirements are on road upkeep on the road tax. Mr. Eversole stated he spoke with Commissioner Miller last year, and the dust control is absolutely choking on these County roads. Mr. Eversole stated he would encourage the Commissioners to go out and take a look at the roads and see that the stone being put on these roads disintegrates. Mr. Eversole stated it is a soft stone, and turns to limestone dust. Mr. Eversole stated he would like to be directed to the policy on road upkeep, and see if there is a tar and chip policy, how roads qualify for that.

Commissioner Elkin stated we take random samples and do a hardness test. Commissioner Elkin stated limestone does break down, and it's like sandpaper when those tires hit it. Commissioner Elkin stated we don't do a lot of grading and blading during the hot, dry months because it does create dust. Commissioner Elkin stated we have gone away from chip and seal when it comes to bringing a gravel road to a hard surface, because it's very expensive and time consuming to maintain. Commissioner Elkin stated we still do chip and seal as a preservative on roads that were previously chip and sealed, or over asphalt. Commissioner Elkin stated we're doing a lot more roads magnesium chloride.

Mr. Eversole asked how you qualify for that.

Commissioner Elkin stated we choose roads that have higher traffic counts; we look at a lot of things such as: economic activity, safety issues, and time spent blading. Commissioner Elkin stated it's not really a written policy, but we look at all of the wants and needs in the department.

Mr. Eversole confirmed the County puts down counters for the traffic counts.

Commissioner Elkin stated yes, we count every road in Boone County every three years. Commissioner Elkin stated the road counts are on the website, and the date they were last counted.

Mr. Eversole asked if the County does this several times per year.

Commissioner Elkin asked Mr. Eversole to clarify.

Mr. Eversole stated the road counts can vary greatly depending on the time of year it's done. Mr. Eversole stated one week every three years is not an accurate count.

Commissioner Elkin stated we try to do it when school is in session. Commissioner Elkin stated if a count seems skewed, we will do a recount. Commissioner Elkin stated

we've counted them years and years, and you see trends.

Mr. Eversole asked how we can control the dust on these roads if we don't qualify for dust control. Mr. Eversole asked if an individual can do it themselves.

Commissioner Miller stated we have a private pay program.

Mr. Eversole stated he went to Resource Management, and they're saying to use Scotwood Industries. Mr. Eversole stated the cost at Scotwood Industries is over and above what it should be. Mr. Eversole asked if an individual can do their own dust control.

Commissioner Miller stated only if they use Scotwood Industries. Commissioner Miller stated we have a permit process.

Mr. Eversole stated the Commission needs to get with Resource Management and clarify that.

Commissioner Elkin asked what they said.

Mr. Eversole stated he just bought a permit to do his own work. Mr. Eversole asked why he must use Scotwood Industries.

Commissioner Elkin stated they're the ones who have the permit with the County to apply this. Commissioner Elkin stated we've had other people do it, and they haven't done a good job.

Mr. Eversole stated his personal property borders the road, and stated the Commission is telling him he has to go through Scotwood Industries.

Commissioner Elkin stated yes, with the way the policy is right now.

Mr. Eversole asked the Commission how he goes about asking them to revisit that policy.

Commissioner Elkin stated we can look at that.

Mr. Eversole asked if he needs to put it in writing.

Commissioner Miller stated this will be in writing, because it's a part of the minutes.

Mr. Eversole stated he would ask the Commission to revisit the policy that requires an individual to go through Scotwood Industries to spray from the mailbox up to a paved road. Mr. Eversole stated it's only spraying calcium chloride on the road.

Commissioner Miller stated it's not calcium, it's magnesium chloride; there's a

difference.

Mr. Eversole stated you can use either. Mr. Eversole asked Commissioner Miller to tell him the difference.

Commissioner Miller stated she knows we don't use calcium chloride, and we only use magnesium chloride on our roads. Commissioner Miller stated she thinks it has more to do with the softness that happens when there is moisture in the calcium chloride versus the magnesium chloride. Commissioner Miller stated in the past we used calcium chloride, and we do not use it anymore. Commissioner Miller stated that's why we use one contractor; they know what we use.

Mr. Eversole stated he understands the County doesn't have the funds to do the dust control, but they're telling him he can't do it himself unless he uses a specific contractor. Mr. Eversole stated he's asking the Commission to reconsider that, and said he's willing to pick up the cost to do it himself, but not if he has to go through a contractor.

Commissioner Elkin stated we can look at the policy.

Commissioner Miller confirmed Mr. Eversole got a permit, because the County likes to get the road prepared. Commissioner Miller stated that's one of the reasons we go through Scotwood. Commissioner Miller stated when they get a list of people that will have magnesium chloride applied to their road; the County prepares the road before the contractor gets there so that the road is smooth. Commissioner Miller stated otherwise, you'll have potholes and the County will have to dig them up with the grader. Commissioner Miller stated then you will be mad because the treatment has been ruined.

Mr. Eversole stated he will sign something saying the County doesn't need to touch the road.

Commissioner Miller stated you're not the only one who drives on the road, so you can't make that call.

Mr. Eversole stated there are no potholes on this road, but if the County wants to spend money to regrade a perfectly fine road, I'm fine with that. Mr. Eversole stated he's asking the Commission to look at letting an individual do his own private spray, if he meets County standards.

Commissioner Miller stated she doesn't have a problem looking at that.

Mr. Eversole asked for a timeframe on a decision.

Commissioner Miller stated it should be within this week.

Commissioner Elkin stated we can have a Road Superintendent go out and make sure the road is ok. Commissioner Elkin stated if it needs to be prepped or anything we can make

that happen. Commissioner Elkin stated that's one of the reasons we like looking with one individual.

Mr. Eversole asked if he should put in a request to have the County pay for the dust control on this road.

Commissioner Miller stated it would need to be budgeted for next year. Commissioner Miller stated she doesn't think any dust control was budgeted this year.

Commissioner Elkin stated he doesn't think we did this year.

Commissioner Miller stated we're just trying to get a grip on the ditching and different things.

Mr. Eversole confirmed no funds are available this year.

Commissioner Miller stated yes, but it could be on the list of potential candidates for next year.

7. Commissioner Reports

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Attest:

Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner