

TERM OF COMMISSION: March 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  
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams  
County Counselor John Patton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**SUBJECT: Award Bid 105-22JAN97, Video Arraignment**

Court Administrator of the 13th Judicial Circuit Court Robert Perry reported that 13 bids for Bid# 105-22JAN97, Video Arraignment Equipment, had been sent out and three responses had been received. After an evaluation of those bids, the recommendation was to award the bid to Inter-Tel/MTI, out of St. Louis.

Mr. Perry said that the primary benefit of video arraignment is the reduction in time and effort required by the Sheriff's Department to prepare and process inmates for court hearings. 1500-1600 initial arraignments are held each year and the benefit of not having to transport those inmates would increase security. The level of traffic will also be reduced at the holding facility while inmates are awaiting arraignment, he said. The other benefit of video arraignment is that the interviews in the bond investigations would be conducted from courthouse to jail, reducing transportation expense and expediting the process.

Mr. Perry noted that there are 200 plus video arraignment systems installed nationally. He said that in Missouri, St. Louis City and Kansas City, at the state trial court level, are both in the process of implementing video arraignments. The key difference, he said is that Boone County will be applying this to a criminal docket, while in many systems, it's been applied to the civil docket. They have already received inquiries from other courts in the state who are considering implementing a similar system.

He said that the equipment outlined in the bid was not only good equipment, it was the right equipment needed for the job.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the system was expandable and how many sites could be hosted on the system.

Data Processing Supervisor Pete Jackson responded that any number of sites could be on the system, but only two sites could communicate at a time because it worked off of a telephone line.

Commissioner Stamper asked about the 2004 state court's automation project and if there would be a time when circuits could talk to circuits.

Mr. Perry said that the bid award had been made for the state wide case management system, including criminal, civil, juvenile and probate. The three pilot sites, he said, should be finished with that process by the end of the year. In the next few years there should be communication between all courts in the state of Missouri.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there would ever be a time when a prisoner, held in a state correctional facility, could be arraigned without having to move him from Potosi to Columbia.

Mr. Perry said that option wasn't far in the future.

Commissioner Miller asked what was the goal of hooking together all the circuits.

Mr. Perry said the external benefit would lie in filing a case through electronic means. There were ongoing studies regarding how individuals could access the system and retrieve and deposit information in the court system. Courts are paper-heavy, he said, citing space requirements for

record storage. Some of the other objectives are management of the total docket, reducing the amount of time a person is in jail. By moving cases through more quickly, then the level of need for beds in the local jail is reduced.

With the financial and general support of the County Commission, Mr. Perry said that the 13th Circuit is positioned to be a pilot site and said that as the state moved forward, Boone County is also in a good position.

Commissioner Stamper said that this was quite an occasion. There is wisdom in waiting he said, noting that costs for the equipment had dropped. The County, he said, has been very aggressive in adapting to computer technology. Commissioner Stamper said that the equipment was an investment in the future and an investment in the ability to move forward. After five or six years of discussion, Commissioner Stamper said that it was a pleasure to move forward.

Commissioner Stamper asked Mr. Perry why there was no savings in staffing.

Mr. Perry said that the savings was in transportation. Additional time would be required to set up the equipment, test it, communicate with the jail in advance to make sure it's operating properly, to take down the equipment, store and maintain it. Mr. Perry said that a study reviewed of the Federal courts showed that the responsibility should not be passed from person to person, that one primary person needed to be assigned to set the equipment up, operate and maintain it.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the hours shown in the budget description were the hours that the equipment would be in service, or the hours needed for an employee to set up and take down the equipment.

Mr. Perry anticipated that the equipment would be used over 100 hours a month.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award Bid #105-22JAN97 to Inter-Tel/MTI as the alternate bid in the amount of \$78,103.00 and to amend the budget for department 1215 account number 91300 Public Safety & Judicial Project: Machinery and Equipment, increasing it \$84,653; Department 1210, Account 48000 Circuit Court Services: Telephones, increasing it \$4,030; Department 1210, Account 10100 Circuit Court Services: Salaries & Wages, increasing it \$2,870; Department 1210, Account 10200 Circuit Court Services: FICA, increasing it \$220 for a total amount of a budget amendment of \$91,773 and to waive the ten-day comment period and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 105-97.**

**SUBJECT: Report on the Boone County Local Emergency Planning Committee Funding**

Boone County Fire District Assistant Chief Kenneth Hines reported on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and funding received from the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). In September, Mr. Hines was elected chairperson of the LEPC and submitted a grant application to MERC for funding. Companies in Boone County who handle hazardous materials pay a fee to the state and a percentage of that is returned to the LEPC through MERC. In 1996 that figure came to \$5986.38. The LEPC also received a planning grant from the Division of Fire Safety for \$1121.68. Funds totaling \$7108.06 have been given to the County to implement HazMat planning and to improve the safety of the citizens of Boone County and the City of Columbia. A tentatively scheduled meeting before May 1 will determine where the monies will be used.

Commissioner Miller asked who was responsible for responding to a hazardous materials spill in the County.

Mr. Hines said that the LEPC looks at planning to eliminate and reduce the risk to people in the community.

Commissioner Miller asked if the industrial park was approved and there was an industrial spill, who would respond to the situation.

Mr. Hines said that currently, the fire department with jurisdiction in that area would be the responder.

Commissioner Vogt asked Mr. Hines how many companies in Boone County dealt with hazardous materials.

Mr. Hines said that between January 1 and April 1, all companies with reportable quantities have to report. Mr. Hines said that there were at least 100.

At one time, Commissioner Vogt said, the County had met with the Road and Bridge department and the fire district to look at ways to respond to hazardous waste problems of a lesser degree than a large spill. She asked Mr. Hines if there was a need to go forward, or was the HazMat team involved in that process.

Mr. Hines said that the LEPC's responsibility is in prevention and they could appoint a committee to deal with those types of risk issues.

**SUBJECT: Authorize the County Counselor to Incur Appraisal Services as Reimbursable Expense**

Public Works Director Frank Abart addressed the commissioners with a request from the Public Works Department to allow the Presiding Commissioner authorization to reimburse the County Counselor for appraisal services as necessary for easement acquisition purposes for the road improvement projects on Gans Road, High Point Lane, St. Charles Road, Andrew Sapp Road and Christian School Road. The appraisals will range in cost from \$350-\$450 apiece, depending on their location and type. In the past the easements have been granted on a project-by-project basis.

Mr. Abart said the request was an effort to cut down on time because the department is already a quarter of the way into the year and they are looking for a way to accelerate the process.

Commissioner Stamper asked about the Gans project realignment and if most of it would come off the Phelps tract.

Director of Design and Construction John Smith said that was correct. He said that the Floyd Property and the Schulte property would both need appraisals.

Mr. Abart said that there was at least one instance in each project where they would be working off of a 90 degree curve and they would have to go beyond the original 33 foot alignment.

Commissioner Stamper said he discussed this issue briefly and one of the concerns was to make sure the Commission was kept adequately informed on the assessments.

Mr. Smith said that a list would be given to the Commissioners as they looked at the appraisals and would say, here are the tracts, here are the reasons, can we get that work done.

Commissioner Stamper asked if that process be done in writing.

Mr. Smith said yes.

Commissioner Miller said that these issues are discussed in the work sessions anyway.

Mr. Smith said that the problem with the work sessions was that every two or three weeks if a decision was not made, then they have to wait another two or three weeks.

Commissioner Miller asked if approval couldn't be granted in a work session, then why should the Commission grant the department a blanket approval.

Mr. Smith said that it was up to the Commission, but it was almost April 1 and things needed to get done.

Commissioner Stamper said that every road and project has been discussed in a work session and he would accept responsibility if the Commission was willing to authorize the liaison to do that.

Commissioner Vogt said that the Commission's direction to the Public Works Department was to accomplish the entire task as quickly as possible and since they were looking at time-cutting measures to do that, she didn't have a problem with the request.

Commissioner Miller asked about the problems on Christian School Road and clarified that no approvals would be given a go-ahead until a direction had been agreed upon.

Mr. Smith said that they were aware that there was a problem and the project was on hold.

Commissioner Stamper moved that now on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Liaison Commissioner to the Public Works Department to authorize the County Counselor to incur, as a reimbursable expense, appraisal services in conjunction with easements, acquisitions or improvement projects for Gans Road, High Point Lane, St. Charles Road, Andrew Sapp Road and Christian School Road based on individual communication from the department copied to members of the Commission.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 106-97.**

Commissioner Stamper requested Mr. Abart review the grading practices in the Midway district as he had had several complaints from constituents in the area.

**SUBJECT: Report on Boone County Historical Society 1996 Annual Report**

Commissioner Stamper reported on the Boone County Historical Society's 1996 Annual Report. Commissioner Stamper said that it was his opinion that an investment in the Historical Society was a good and strong one for the community and submitted the report for the Public Record.

**SUBJECT: Agreement with Dennis Roofing Company for the El Chaparral Shelter Roof Project**

Commissioner Vogt was not aware of the project, but said when the County took over El Chaparral Park they were aware there were repairs that needed to be made as was directed by the state grant.

Commissioner Stamper held the issue to the March 25 meeting.

**SUBJECT: Agreement with the Ann Carlson Emergency Food Pantry**

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an agreement with the County of Boone and the Ann Carlson Emergency Food Pantry for the provision of emergency food pantry services to the community in an amount not to exceed \$8,820 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 107-97.**

**SUBJECT: Agreement with Planned Parenthood for Teen-to-Teen Theater**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an agreement with the County of Boone and the Planned Parenthood for Mid-Missouri and Eastern Kansas for Teen-to-Teen Theater in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 108-97.**

**SUBJECT: COOP Contracts for Long Distance Service 1+ and 0+**

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an agreement between the county and MCI telecommunications corporation for the purchase of telecommunication services 1+ and 0+ and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 109-97.**

Commissioner Miller said that the agreement was a long time coming and would get all of the long distance carriers under one roof rather than having three or four different agencies like they'd had in the past. She said this agreement was a move in the right direction.

**SUBJECT: Public Water District No. 2 Agreement with the City of Columbia**

Commissioner Stamper reported on a press release from the City of Columbia concerning a tentative agreement with the City of Columbia and Water District No. 2 that outlines the nature of that relationship. He asked the Commissioners to study it and offer any comments to City Manager Ray Beck.

**SUBJECT: Award Bid 10-12MAR97, Courtroom Benches**

Commissioner Vogt moved to award Bid #10-12MAR97 for courtroom benches to Check Corporate Express as having submitted the lowest and best bid for four benches at \$844 each for a total of \$3376.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Commissioner Miller asked about the bid tabulation that cited Columbia Office Equipment as having bid \$3376 when the recommendation was to Check Corporate Express, who wasn't even on the bid list. She was uncomfortable with the wording.

Commissioner Stamper recommended that the second and the motion be withdrawn and be referred back to the department for clarification.

Commissioner Miller withdrew her second.

Commissioner Vogt withdrew her motion.

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper reported that during a coffee session at Midway he saw effective government at the local level. He had an inquiry on the length of the relationship between the school district and the County on the old juvenile justice center. He said that a local half-way house had requested use of the center and he said he would check on the terms of the lease. He also said that it looked like the school district was making effective use of the building.

Commissioner Miller said the school conducted all of their pre-school screenings and ran the Caring Communities Agency there. She said they seemed happy with the location and would continue to use it as long as they were able.

Commissioner Stamper had also discussed the lease of the County Farm, the area around the jail, and heard concerns as to whether the group would be able to raise the necessary funds to create the ball parks. He asked if one of the Commissioners would contact the group to see how the fund raising was going.

Commissioner Vogt said it would be appropriate to invite the head of the organization to give a report to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stamper also said the jail was re-evaluating their 7-year-old phone system and were discussing a new phone system. Their request was to make the Commissioners aware of the need so they could plan for it in the future.

Commissioner Stamper had visited with a representative from the family health clinic who said they were doing some long-term goal evaluation. He reported it was a continuation of discussions they'd had over a year ago concerning long-term planning.

He advised the Commission regarding legal inquiries concerning an accident on O'Rear Road. He said the County had been contacted by an attorney that implied that there may be some pending litigation.

Commissioner Stamper had received a report from SEMA concerning local Emergency preparedness. He said he wanted to give some attention to the report because they didn't accept the local exercise program.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she had received a call from the director of Resource Mothers, the group that deals with teen pregnancies. They had asked for a time on the agenda to discuss funding. She also reported that she would be entertaining Pam Noland and her two home-schooled sons, and would be talking to them about County government.

She reported on the Solid Waste public meeting saying it was well attended by the entire community. They discussed participating as the recycling group on Earth Day . They also discussed the Adopt-a-Road policy and the possibility of putting information regarding the policy in the County's first newsletter. They also requested copies of the Nuisance Ordinance.

Commissioner Miller reported on the Tourism Council and said they were close to having a community events calendar that would be a link from the Chamber of Commerce's home page. It would include sporting and musical events and art shows. She felt it would go a long way to promote tourism for Boone County by providing an outlet and, if there was a desire, there could be a link from the County's home page to the community events calendar.

She also reported on a letter written to City Manager Ray Beck and to Chief Paul Sell supporting the Phase II Territorial Agreement Amendment. At the meeting there was an amendment added by the Mayor. It was an amendment for the city to pay the Boone County Fire Protection District for staffing if it felt that it was needed. The amendment passed and was approved unanimously. She said it showed their commitment to working with the County and joint-planning for the future.

Commissioner Stamper reported the Commissioners had met with the Southern Boone County school board. Present were members of the public and the Ashland City Council. They discussed the proposed research park and it was a very good session, he said.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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