

TERM OF COMMISSION: February 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

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Recognize Annie Accola as Boone County 1997 Employee of the Fourth Quarter

Commissioner Stamper explained that the Employee Recognition Committee recognized outstanding work in County government. Employees were evaluated on a quarterly basis for meritorious performance, courteousness, dependability, and ability to work well with others and to deal with customers. He said they were happy today to recognize Annie Accola in the Auditor's office as the Boone County 1997 Employee of the Fourth Quarter.

Commissioner Stamper said that Ms. Accola has been employed since 1991 in the Auditor's office. She is available to answer questions, look up information. She is pleasant to work with and knowledgeable about issues in the auditor's office when answering questions from the public. Annie, he said, goes above and beyond her duties and when you approach her, there's no question you can't ask. Commissioner Stamper said that Ms. Accola does an excellent job and takes her job seriously.

Auditor June Pitchford said that when Ms. Accola joined her staff in 1991, they did not contemplate the amount of ground they would cover in six and a half short years. Things have changed, she said. As in every other office, their jobs expanded, twisted and turned with new technology, new programs, increasing demands and climbing expectations. Ms. Pitchford said that Ms. Accola meets her job with an unyielding commitment to her own high standards. She said she was pleased that her colleagues had chosen to recognize Ms. Accola as well.

Angela Ayers presented a plaque to Ms. Accola on behalf of the Employee Recognition Committee.

Ms. Accola said it was an honor, privilege and adventure to work in Ms. Pitchford's office. She said that Ms. Pitchford had accomplished a great deal during her time in office and that she was pleased to have been a part of that. She thanked the committee and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stamper congratulated the committee and said that the recognition program had become a competitive and important part of the culture in County government.

SUBJECT: 1997 Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Ms. Pitchford said the County Commission was aware that for a number of years Boone County has participated in an award program sponsored by the GFOA for the comprehensive annual report. They have received that award for a number of years. A similar program, she said, exists for public entities that prepare public budgets. The criteria, she said, are rigorous and they set about working to bring the Boone County budget to those standards. She said that last year she submitted a budget she knew would not earn an award, but because she hoped of getting useful feedback. This year, she said, they have achieved that award and she presented the Commission with a plaque from the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1997 and with a copy of the completed 1998 budget.

Commissioner Stamper said that the budget award was a big deal that has far reaching implications. He noted that Boone County was the only County in Missouri to receive the award in 1997. Only 19 cities, he said, and one sewer district were honored with the award.

Commissioner Stamper said that it was extraordinary to have this level of recognition extended to the budgetary process in Boone County. Having been a Commissioner for the past 7 years, he said, Boone County's budget is a model for the state. He said that everywhere the Commission traveled, they were asked about the budgetary process. The process, he said, is efficient, effective, focused, with anticipation and vision and it looks to the future.

Commissioner Stamper presented Ms. Pitchford with a certificate from the GFOA for budget preparation and thanked her for her work on the budget.

SUBJECT: Resolution for Old Pension Plan

Commissioner Stamper explained that this resolution would modify and bring the old County pension plan into compliance with modern day standards. This retirement fund was established in 1983 and became outdated by the establishment of the County Employee Retirement's Fund.

Commissioner Miller said this was the next step outlined by the attorneys and will allow the County to go forward once authorization from the Internal Revenue Service is given to the attorneys.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of the County of Boone previously adopted resolutions terminating the Boone County Employees' Pension Plan (the "Plan") effective December 31, 1997; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the termination of the Plan, it is necessary to restate the Plan to bring it into compliance with changes in the law before making any distributions from the plan to participants and beneficiaries.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Boone County Employees' Pension Plan and Trust Agreement, dated January 20, 1998, be and it is hereby adopted as a restatement of the previously adopted Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Boone County be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to sign such restated Plan document for an don behalf of Boone County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Boone County be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to oversee the preparation, execution and filing with the Internal Revenue Service of Form 5310, requesting a favorable ruling as to the tax-exempt status and the termination of the Plan and to oversee the preparation, execution and delivery of such notices to all interested parties as shall be required.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Treasurer of Boone County be, and hereby is, authorized to execute such amendments as may be requested or required by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with its review of the Plan in order to result in the issuance of a favorable determination letter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon receipt of a favorable letter from the IRS onthe tax-exempt status and the termination of the Plan, all assets shall be distributed to the Plan participants and beneficiaries as soon as administratively feasible, unless otherwise directed.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 42-98.**

SUBJECT: Treasurer's November 1997 Report

Treasurer Kay Murray gave the November 1997 Treasurer's Report.

SUBJECT: Discussion of Commission Order Dated April 15, 1966

Commissioner Stamper said that he had discussed the April 15, 1966 commission order with County Counselor John Patton who recommended the order be voided. Rather than vote today, he said, he asked to schedule the issue during the next regular Commission meeting to allow for public comment.

Commissioner Miller said they needed to reevaluate the order and that it was good to allow time for public comment.

SUBJECT: Court Personnel Participation in County Employee Retirement Fund

Commissioner Stamper postponed the discussion and asked that the issue of the Court Personnel Participation in the County Employee Retirement Fund be revisited at the next regular Commission meeting.

SUBJECT: Permit to Use Courthouse Grounds

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an application for permit for organization use of Boone County Courthouse grounds for the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) Walk scheduled from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 1998.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 43-98.**

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an application for permit for organization use of Boone County Courthouse grounds for the Central Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children for a ceremony and musical program from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 1998.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 44-98.**

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone make the following appointments:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Kristie S. Hilgedick	Library Board	(interim) May 9, 2000
Michael Tarka	Energy and Environment Commission	(interim) April 3, 2000
Joseph R. Miller	Boone County Group Homes	January 1, 2001

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 45-98.**

Commissioner Stamper reported that the applicants had been interviewed and reviewed by the County Commission earlier in the week and these appointments came from a staff meeting held earlier in the week.

SUBJECT: Public Health Memo from Mike Sanford

Commissioner Stamper congratulated RN Lisa Lamm. Commissioner Stamper said that Ms. Lamm had made a home visit and found an infant in need of emergency care. Her efforts, outlined in Mr. Sanford's memo, saved the infants life.

SUBJECT: Voluntary Annexation

Commissioner Stamper submitted a notice of voluntary annexation of a 3.78 acre tract of land owned by Mike S. and Tammy K. Wulff.

SUBJECT: Vote to Hold a Closed Meeting Pursuant RSMo. 610.021 (1, 2, 3, 13)

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone vote to hold a closed meeting immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting today at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 1998 in the Government Center Commission Chambers, 801 E. Walnut, Columbia, Missouri. The tentative agenda for the meeting includes discussion of 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 pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.; and as authorized by 610.021 (2) RSMo. to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore; and discussion of the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of an employee of a public governmental body pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) RSMo; and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, pursuant to Section 610.021 (13) RSMo.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 46-98.**

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Stamper requested that the issue of the Health Care Profit Share Dollars projects and prevailing wage be scheduled for discussion during the next regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Stamper reported he had received a call from Audrain County and that they are interested in the Exercise Tiger request for a memorial.

Commissioner Vogt reported that the HDC form left unsigned during the last Commission meeting was simply a duplicate of a document that did get signed. She asked Commissioner Stamper to sign the document that had been previously approved in Commission. Commissioner Vogt said she requested that someone from HDC report on the financial documents that need a Commission signature.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she had looked through the needs assessment questionnaire for the Health Report Card and that she was impressed with the questions listed.

She also reported that at the Soil and Water Conservation District meeting the urban conservationist reported on projects in the southern part of the county.

Commissioner Miller reported on the Private Industry Council Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner