

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the May 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  
County Counselor John Patton  
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

**SUBJECT: Presentation by Health Adventure Club and Request for Funding**

Chairman of the Health Adventure Club Center Anne Cohen said they were a not-for-profit entity representing a number of entities who wanted to see this center established. She said they have been working a number of years on the project. Right now, said Ms. Cohen, they have a location, an architectural plan and have begun working on an exhibit plan. Their location is on the corner of 5th and Cherry, a location, she said, that was contributed by the city of Columbia. Ms. Cohen explained that they had signed a 99 year lease for \$10 a year for the remainder of the block opposite of the garage. Their plan is to build a 30,000 square foot building, basing the exhibit designs on the needs identified by the community.

Ms. Cohen said they were working with the medical community to develop exhibits that will educate the community about particular health concerns that are unique to Boone County or that exist throughout the area. She said that the center would be fun and interactive, a place where people could get information in an engaging way. Ms. Cohen said that the center would be a place where families could bring their children, or school groups could visit and be able to have their health choices supported and their health decisions validated by the community.

The plan, she said, is to break ground in 1999. Subtotal costs of \$525,000 for the preparation work for the site have been donated by the city, she said. The building costs and professional fees have been paid and donors have contributed for design fees.

Ms. Cohen said the County will be a beneficiary of the institution being created. She reiterated that they are a not-for-profit board and represent a number of community issues. She said they were hoping to have County support.

Commissioner Stamper asked what type of fundraising projects and contributions had already been done.

Ms. Cohen said they have sought outside funds from two foundations, both of which will evaluate community support when giving their gifts. Locally, she said, they have gained support from the hospitals. On going maintenance fees, she said, will be paid through admissions, gift shop sales, membership and other program fees.

Commissioner Miller asked , bottom line, what was the request today.

Ms. Cohen requested an upfront fixed cost to support the construction of the building of \$750,000. She said their lease agreement states that they have to break ground two years after the lease is signed. That lease was signed on July 7, 1997. She said they would need funding before hand in order to prepare for the groundbreaking. Ms. Cohen said they were requesting a million dollars between the two foundations. Those foundations, she said, contribute to brick and mortar projects only. She said they currently have a commitment from the medical community to raise \$1 million and they are seeding funding from pharmaceutical companies and health related companies.

Dr. Ira Hubble said there was the possibility of donations from larger companies.

Commissioner Stamper said that he had met with Ms. Cohen and suggested that she bring this issue to the Commission. The County, he said, has a source for this type of project with the health care profit share money. Today, he said, the Commission is unable to give a yes, no or even a maybe, but that they would take this into consideration. He said there are other plans for those funds and they need to measure to see what's there. It's not a bleak picture, he said, but there are priorities that are being balanced.

**SUBJECT: Adoption of the Affirmative Action Plan**

Human Resources Director Mark Stone said the plan has not changed since it's presentation. He said the plan would allow the County to focus on areas for improvement and to let the County know where to put resources in order to diversity the applicant pool.

Ross Stroupe, 200 North Ninth Street, submitted a letter dated April 3, 1998 and cited his concerns for the potential preferential treatment and the installation of a quota-type system.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone adopt the Affirmative Action Plan and offer it to all elected officials and department heads for their use.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 225-98.**

**SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report for February and March 1998**

Treasurer Kay Murray presented the reconciliation of bank statements for the months of February and March 1998.

**SUBJECT: Extend the Closing of the 1998 Tax Rolls from May 15 to May 31.**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the extension to close the 1998 tax rolls from May 15 to May 31, 1998.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 226-98.**

**SUBJECT: Uniform Subdivision Improvement Performance Bond and Guaranty and Collateral Pledge for Haystack Acres Addition Subdivision and Release of Existing Bonds**

Planner Thad Yonke explained that Haystack Acres Addition was approved and recorded and as part of that action there were six pledges for the infrastructure and improvements required as part of the recording. The sewer was originally planned to be done in three phases. the developer, he said, has not followed his original plan and none of the three phases are totally complete and cannot be released as units because they're not done. Mr. Yonke said the developer was wanting to free up revenue while finishing the rest of the project and the only way to do that is to submit a new plan for the remainder that needs to be finished. CD 14342 for \$35,000 could be held to cover the remainder of the project.

Commissioner Stamper said he was uncomfortable with the precedent, although he couldn't think of a hypothetical situation that could threaten the County in the future.

Commissioner Vogt said she really didn't see a problem.

Mr. Yonke said that this will compound the process.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone accept the uniform subdivision improvement performance bond and to accept the guaranty and collateral pledge for the remaining sewer improvements for Haystack Acres Addition plat recorded in book 30 page 91; to retain CD #13432 in the amount of \$35,000 and to authorize the Treasurer to release the other CDs originally held for the subdivision improvements; and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the guaranty and collateral pledge document.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Commissioners Miller and Vogt voted in favor; Commissioner Stamper voted in opposition. Motion passed. **Order 227-98.**

**SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone appoint Ralph LaFoy to an interim position on the Boone County Regional Sewer District; and appoint John H. Sydow to an interim position on the Senior Board.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. **Order 228-98.**

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper said there is the potential of a shortfall in the forfeiture funds for the Sheriff's department and that the auditor opposes the idea of transferring the money from the emergency fund. The Commissioner's agreed with the auditor.

Commissioner Stamper welcomed former Lt. Governor Harriet Woods to the Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Don Stamper  
Presiding Commissioner

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Wendy S. Noren  
Clerk of the County Commission

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Karen M. Miller  
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt  
District II Commissioner