

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 II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order at 9:31am.

Subject: Second Reading to Award a Bid for Law Enforcement Equipment

Melinda Bobbitt, Purchasing Department Director, was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the purpose of this bid was for the purchasing of equipment related to law enforcement activities. He noted the bid included a variety of equipment.

Commissioner Elkin moved to award bid 20-02MAY01 as follows:

| FOR | TO |
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| Law Enforcement Equipment | Galls Incorporated, OMB Police Supply, Green Supply, Skaggs Companies Incorporated, and American Institutional Supply |

Said bid is awarded per the attached recommendation of the Purchasing Department. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreements.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 238-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of a Request by the Sheriff’s Department to Hire above the Base of the Range

Commissioner Elkin moved to authorize the hiring of an individual for the Registered Nurse position for the Sheriff’s Department at a rate of \$20.00/hour (9.5% above the base of the range).

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 239-2001**

Subject: Authorize Courthouse Grounds Use for a Motorcycle Show on September 15, 2001

Commissioner Elkin stated that the proceeds from this event were going to the Coyote Hill Children's Home.

Commissioner Elkin moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds for a Children's Benefit & Motorcycle Show, sponsored by the Son Rise Riders- Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association on September 15, 2001 from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 240-2001**

Subject: Boone County Extension Council Program Update (University Outreach Extension Program)

Ron Higginbotham and Vera Nichols, Outreach & Extension Community Development Specialists, were present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Mr. Higginbotham and Ms. Nichols appear frequently before the Commission to discuss issues concerning the Extension program.

Vera Nichols stated that this week has been deemed University Extension and Outreach across the state of Missouri, noting that their organization has an extension program in all 114 counties. She stated that one of the unique aspects of the organization is it takes Research-based information and applies it to people's needs. She noted that their organization offers a variety of programs to the community.

Ms. Nichols submitted a pamphlet and newsletter into the public record, noting that the newsletter reaches several thousand people in this region.

Ms. Nichols stated that at the state-level, several programs were chosen to be promoted, which were noted in the pamphlet. She stated that two programs (Living in a Healthy Body, Eating Patterns & Self Esteem in Young Children) were high-lighted that she was personally involved with. She noted that both of these programs are currently offered in Boone County. She further noted her appreciation of Commissioner Elkin's involvement with the Boone County Extension Council, adding that it is an important part of the organization's work.

Ms. Nichols stated that the Extension Council has a new web-page, noting that it gives a variety of information (Council officers, members of the advisory council, and a list of upcoming

meetings). She stated that the Town & County event will be occurring on July 11, 2001.

Commissioner Stamper asked where the meeting was being hosted this year.

Ms. Nichols stated that a decision had not been made yet, but noted that it should be discussed at Extension Council's meeting on Thursday. She stated that over the next several months, the council will be having a Program Review (examining the plan of work over the last three years, discussing what has been accomplished, what still needs to be done, and possible changes to the program).

Ms. Nichols stated that one of the more popular programs currently available includes work being done with the Senior Center- avoiding falls by maintaining balance. She noted that the program itself was simple for the participants, adding that it required no weightlifting. She further noted that another popular program, provided by the Extension Program, works with child-care providers (training assistance).

Ms. Nichols concluded her remarks by stating that an upcoming program on Food Preservation will be held by the Extension Program June 13, 14, 20 and 21. She stated that the organization wants people to be using research-based information when preserving food.

Ron Higginbotham submitted a handout on "Virtual Communities/Real Leaders" into the public record. He stated that the item was part of the 4H program, adding that it teaches both computer skills and civic affairs, using the game "SimCity". He noted that handouts (sections titled "Choices" and "Tax Computation Worksheet") are used to teach young adults the realistic-side of the "SimCity" game. He further noted that the program is working well.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that the Leadership Wrap will be held at the Juvenile Justice Center this year, June 5-8, 2001. He stated that last year's evaluation indicated that thirty-three percent fewer post-release referrals were experienced by those who participated in the program (compared to those who did not participate). He noted that this year's evaluation has not been completed yet.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he enjoyed attending the event in previous years, and looked forward to attending it in the future.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that he is working with the Senior Services for Boone County and the Columbia Senior Center on long-term planning. He stated that he is also working with CMAAA on issues such as team-building, and conflict resolution. He noted that he is also working with the Neighborhood Association.

Commissioner Stamper requested that Mr. Higginbotham elaborate on the "Virtual Communities/ Real Leaders" item, asking who started the program.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that the program was started by Bill Pabt, with the State Board Chief's

Office. He stated that Mr. Pabt wanted the program to teach computer skills as well as other valuable lessons for young adults. He stated that the current method being used, to teach these lessons, is both entertaining and informative for children.

Commissioner Stamper asked if he thought the program was effective.

Mr. Higginbotham responded affirmatively, noting that it takes a sense of reality in order to reinforce these important and complicated ideas to the children. He noted that an issue he would like to stress is the idea that it takes more than one person to make the decisions that effect the community.

Commissioner Elkin stated that he could not think of another organization that encompasses such a variety of different ages and subjects within the community. He noted that his appreciation of the work the Extension Program does for the citizens of Boone County.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the one concept he found exciting about the Extension program is its "constant re-invention". He noted that the extension in Boone County is much different than in some other County offices around the state.

Subject: First Reading of a Budget Amendment for CDBG Airport

Commissioner Elkin stated that the Commission office received a phone call from June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, regarding this item. He noted that the Budget Amendment will amend the 2000 budget, as a result of carry-over funds from the CDBG grant. He noted that it should "balance the books" for 2000.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and requested that it be returned 10 days from today for a public hearing and final approval. He noted that the item will establish a budget to account for final grants receipts and payments. He further noted that a final construction invoice from the City of Columbia is included in the amount of \$9,637.30, and a final administration invoice from REDI in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Community Partnership report

Commissioner Stamper stated that he represents the County Commission on the Board of Directors for the Community Partnership. He stated that the executive community met yesterday to address the state advisory council's (FACT) actions. He noted that the Partnership was responding to the proposed budget scenarios, that would reduce their current budget by an additional \$300,000 (with a possible \$600,000 reduction). He further noted that Partnership responded to the state's request by five o'clock yesterday.

Commissioner Stamper stated his concern for this course of action, noting that the proposals

would take, from a funding level, the current \$1.2 million (adding that the funding is already down 14%) down by an additional 25%- with a potential for a 50% reduction in funds. He noted that this action would significantly impact programs for children, mental health, the disadvantaged, and enhancement-enrichment programs for education.

Commissioner Stamper stated that a 25% reduction in funds could possibly be tolerated. He stated that a 50% reduction in funds would be devastating to many of the programs. He noted that the Community Partnership could no longer be successful with the goals that have been established with a 50% reduction in funding. He further noted that he will be speaking with members of the FACT board and the legislative delegation, over the next several days concerning this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated that one of his biggest concerns is the number of new assets created in the County recently that would be effected by the funding cutbacks.

NWS Severe Weather Alert report

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a letter from Joint Communications regarding the process of observers in activities related to weather. He noted the timeliness of this report, adding that one day last week, the County received a hundred-year record water-fall.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Funding report

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County had been granted a partnership in a Bulletproof Vest Partnership program between the Boone County and the federal government. He stated that the County will receive \$2,975 (approximately 50% of the cost) for Bulletproof Vests for Law Enforcement officers. He noted that the grant will come from the Department of Justice- Office of the Inspector General.

Error in Posting Acknowledgment

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Human Resources Department scheduled a work session, with a consultant, for all elected officials. He stated that in doing so, it was placed on the Commissioner's calendar, but was not handled out of the Commission office. He noted that by law the work session should have been posted but was not. He further noted that it was an error on the Commission's behalf, adding that the Commission will prohibit departments from scheduling meeting such as those- where all three Commissioner are invited without going through the Commission office- in the future. He wished to extend his apology to those present, and noted that the Commission meant no disrespect to the public.

Meeting with Public Works Department

Commissioner Stamper stated that he met with members of the Public Works Department and representatives of the Georgetown Neighborhood Association yesterday. He stated that there are some significant stormwater problems in Georgetown, that have been created by the conversion of land, known as Quail Creek. He noted that there are two houses that are being devasitated by the floodwater problems.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there is not a simple solution to this problem. He stated that

the Public Works Department would engage a engineering team to visit the site for options, noting that any decision made will currently create additional problems.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller was not present today.

Commissioner Elkin

Boone Retirement Center (BCR) report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he attended the monthly meeting with the Boone Retirement Center. He stated that that he informed those present at the meeting that the County does have a contract for the sale of the BCR, generated from the Boone County Hospital Board of Trustees. He noted that Legal Counsel for the County is currently in the process of reviewing the Contract.

Commissioner Elkin stated that there has been significant process on the new Boone Retirement Center, currently being constructed. He stated that vertical construction has begun. He noted that he has been informed that the project should get back on schedule again in the immediate future. He further noted that the set-back delays were caused by winter season problems.

Commissioner Elkin stated that a work session will be held, regarding the new BCR, next week.

Meeting with University of Missouri on Dry Policy 2000 report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he attended a meeting last Thursday with Sheriff Boehm, regarding the University of Missouri's Dry Policy. He stated that he was unaware when a Greek Chapter has a party off-campus, that a report had to be filed with Student Affairs. He noted that this action is taken to keep the lines of communication open with the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Sheriff Boehm expressed his concern, at the meeting, with the students continuing to use the bus system, currently being used. (He noted that presently the bus system is used by students to avoid any drunk driving.)

Commissioner Stamper asked if the organized events were more of a problem than the unorganized parties.

Commissioner Elkin stated that it is a difficult question to answer. He stated that there have been some slight incidents with the organized parties. He noted, however, that whenever there is a problem with one of these events that, the University can contact the organization (using the report that was originally filed). He further noted that the unorganized parties are the events that cause the most trouble for the University and the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the University discussed the possibility of allowing exceptions to the Dry Policy on certain occasions, such as Homecoming.

Meeting with Sunrise Estates Neighborhood Association report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he met with the Neighborhood Association last Thursday. He stated that the Neighborhood Association approached the County, in reference to a park, located at Sunrise Estates. He noted that the park is between three and four acres, with a lake. He noted that the gentlemen that invited Commissioner Elkin to the meeting, was the only person interested in transferring control of the area to the County.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the issue was already dead before it ever came forward at the meeting, due to a lack of support. He stated that from the County's standpoint, a park donated with a lake on it would be a liability issue, noting that it that he would require a meeting with legal counsel for the County on the issue. He noted that he gave the Neighborhood Association an update on the Regional Sewer District (the status of the lagoons in that area, and the immediate plans for those regions).

Subject: Public Comment

John Clark, 403 North Ninth Street offered comment.

Mr. Clark stated that he previously served as a member on the Outreach Extension Council for three years. He stated that he was impressed by the work being done by the organization, noting its value to the community.

Mr. Clark stated that he was excited to hear about the discussion concerning the Neighborhood Association Issues. He suggested that the Commission develop a Neighborhood Recognition Policy- like the City of Columbia- as has been done in other areas. He noted that the City has made strides in its recognition of a Neighborhood Association, but added that it has not given any support for such a program. He further noted that the County could take the lead in this area, adding that such groups provided useful information to the County.

Mr. Clark stated that the Columbia/Boone County Neighborhood Alliance Association's support of the Metro 2020 plan, noting that it sponsored several discussions for it. He stated that one of the major issues discussed was the possibility of the City and the County working together on watershed-based planning. He noted that he wasn't sure if the City wanted to take the lead in contacting the County, on this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County has had significant activity regarding this topic. He stated that Commissioner Miller is heading the committee for Stormwater issues. He noted that the Stream Water Buffer work also currently being pursued by the Commission. He further noted that work was being done with stormwater concerns, in new building developments within Boone County, adding it was his opinion that the County was in-sync with the City's plans.

Mr. Clark stated that the County could possibly do more if it had better tools. He stated that the City may have better tools, but noted it was his opinion that it was still having problems with its planning.

Mr. Clark concluded his comments by stating that the initial reduction in funds to the Community Partnership funding, occurred some time before the current legislative issues. He stated that budget cap proposed this year is sizeable. He noted that the Partnership did not request this budget reduction, adding that it was in the Governor's budget proposal. He further noted that this type of reform has been popular across the state, adding that other legislators, in other districts, want to expand these reductions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner