

TERM OF COMMISSION: November Session of the November 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 budget hearing for the Public Works Department was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

SUBJECT: Public Works Budget

Public Works Director Frank Abart submitted the Boone County Public Works 1998 Proposed Budget Summary. Mr. Abart explained each budgetary account:

2040: Maintenance Operations Division

Mr. Abart said they had allocated \$5.6 million proposed funding for 1998 funding for asphalt overlay of 11.18 miles of existing asphalt roads; construction of a snow and ice materials storage facility; purchase equipment and materials for snow and ice removal; construction of a hazardous materials storage facility; additional pavement marking; concrete repair in several subdivisions; chip and seal surfacing on 32 miles of County roads; snow removal (contractual services for subdivisions); equipment rental for road construction.

Commissioner Miller asked which subdivisions they were targeting.

Mr. Abart said they were targeting El Chaparral, Lake of the Woods and Georgetown. He said they would not be able to do all of the repairs they wanted because there was not enough money in 1998. He said there is money to pursue some level of repairs and that El Chaparral has the bulk of the budget because it was the biggest problem.

Commissioner Miller asked about snow removal and if the contracts with subdivision depended on the number of residents.

Mr. Abart said that a committee of Public Works employees develops the snow routes based on efficiency and on the density of the subdivision. He also said that it is easier for contractors to negotiate pickups in those areas than it is for the Public Works department's large equipment. He said the process was successful and faster and cheaper than using Public Works equipment.

2045: Design and Construction Division

Mr. Abart said they had allocated \$6.6 million for funding for engineering services for several bridge projects (Highpoint Lane, Hatton Chapel); funding for engineering services for St. Charles Road improvement; funding for utility relocation for Creasy Springs Road improvement project; several safety projects including RA Nursery Road and Scott Blvd. (as a joint project with City of Columbia); funding for construction of Vawter School Road; funding for converting 28.62 miles of gravel roadway to hard surface.

2049 Administration Division

Mr. Abart said they had allocated \$1.5 million for three areas: Administrative Services for which they budgeted \$110,000; rebates to special road district \$200,000; and rebates to cities at \$1.2 million. He explained that the grants to cities had already been distributed for 1998.

Commissioner Miller asked if that amount would increase over the course of the ten years.

Mr. Abart said that decision would be up to the Commission.

1340 NID Administration:

Mr. Abart said the Neighborhood Improvement District program had been moving slowly these past few months and they were requesting an additional person for the staff to do title research and other miscellaneous activities associated with the NID program. As of yet, he said, it has not

been determined how the Pin Oak NID will affect the work load and he said he hoped to have those questions answered between now and Christmas.

NID Coordinator Andy Lister said they had finished the New Haven NID and were a month from bidding the work to be done for University Estates. He said they were putting together a meeting to discuss the County's role with the sewer NIDS and were waiting for some guidance.

Commissioner Miller said the County was financially responsible because the bonds were through County authority.

Mr. Lister agreed, but also noted the Public Works Department is not set up to do sewer designs. Mr. Lister also said they were requesting a full-time clerical position be added to the NID Administration budget.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the NIDs for sewer and roads should be combined.

Commissioner Miller said she envisioned one person to be responsible for all the NIDs and to follow through on the County's responsibilities of tax bills, collection and assessments. As far as engineering is concerned, she said, the Public Works department is not set up to do sewer design and contracts with Tom Ratermann for those types of designs.

Mr. Abart said the County would carry the petitions, develop the projects and make sure the paperwork is in place.

Commissioner Stamper said the program had gone from something small to a really big deal. He said he could see the complexities and suggested the Commission consider a different approach than previously taken with the road NID program. He agreed the program was understaffed.

Commissioner Vogt clarified that all the costs are paid for by the neighborhood and they should be careful not to distract activity by not staffing the program adequately.

Mr. Lister said he could conceive that in a year or two there would be a need for additional staff and asked the Commission to keep an open mind in regards to staffing the program.

Commissioner Stamper said the budget proposal documents the assurances made with Proposition 2.

Mr. Abart made a correction in his earlier statement. He said total revenues were \$11.8 million and the sales tax had been projected at \$8.236 million.

Commissioner Stamper convened a public hearing and noted that no one spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 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