

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

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

**SUBJECT: Stop Violence Against Women Grant**

Prosecuting Attorney Office Administrator Bonnie Adkins presented a budget amendment and contract for the acceptance of the Stop Violence Against Women Grant. She said that 80% of the position created by the grant would be paid for with grant funds, the other 20% would be paid for out of the bad check fund. She explained that they were only one piece of a puzzle in this grant. The highway patrol, she said, receives the funding and the Prosecuting Attorney's office will serve as a subcontractor. The grant amounts to \$32,000 and will fund a prosecutor's salary for eleven months.

Commissioner Stamper asked why the grant is awarded separately to each participating entity.

Ms. Adkins said that each portion of the pilot project has their own contract.

Commissioner Stamper said he was confused with the language "lower-tiered participant" and asked what that implied.

Ms. Adkins said she did not know what that meant and that language is used on every grant application they file.

Commissioner Vogt asked if this was a total grant and if they accepted one part would they be accepting all parts.

Ms. Adkins said they were individual contracts and their portion was part of a big grant.

Sheriff Boehm interjected that it was one grant.

Ms. Adkins said they were subcontractors.

Commissioner Stamper said it was not the intent of the Commission to discuss the hiring practices used by the Sheriff's department. He said it was their intent to discuss the contract between the Sheriff and the federal granting agency and asked that the discussion focus on the grant.

Sheriff Boehm said he wanted to clear up some of the confusion that he had read in the media in the last two or three days. He said it was one grant and as the authorized official for the grant, he was asked to participate in the proposal submitted to the department of Highway Safety. He was asked to supply in that document the job description that would be coming from the Sheriff's department. The only difference, he said, between the Prosecuting Attorney's subcontract and the Sheriff's subcontract is that he was appearing as a courtesy to the Commissioners. Technically, he argued, because no county funds are needed to obtain the grant, then it's not necessary for the Presiding Commissioner to sign anything he doesn't want to. Sheriff Boehm said the grant had been approved through the process, submitted, and reviewed by the Department of Public Safety. He reiterated there are no commitment of local funds. The total amount, he said, is \$37,000 and that he would leave the decision to sign up to the Presiding Commissioner. In the past when there is a commitment of County funds, he said, the Presiding Commissioner has been required to sign. That was not the case here, he said.

Commissioner Stamper clarified there was no match on behalf of the department.

County Counselor John Patton said he had not reviewed the applications or grant requirements.

Commissioner Vogt asked if they could take a day to review the document.

Commissioner Stamper said that to date there has been the support of the Commission for this program. He said they believed in a unit to address domestic violence in the community. Any difficulties have little to do with the intent of the grant, he said. He said he did not want anyone leaving the meeting thinking the Commission is questioning the value of the grant.

Commissioner Vogt asked who the project director would be.

Sheriff Boehm said it would be Lieutenant Shelly Dometrorch.

Commissioner Stamper said the documentation listed the position as a project director and another with a title of deputy. He asked if that was a deputy or an investigator.

Sheriff Boehm said he didn't know that they had discussed that. He said the position had been posted as an investigator.

Commissioner Stamper said the grant title says deputy.

Sheriff Boehm said in this case the deputy is an investigator. They investigate crimes, he said.

The Commissioners agreed to forward the grant documents to Mr. Patton for his review and then invited Sheriff Boehm to join them in the closed session immediately following this meeting.

Sheriff Boehm said he had nothing to discuss that couldn't be printed in the paper.

Commissioner Stamper said he was concerned as to how they could have their discussion without violating a staff member.

Sheriff Boehm said the process had been completed and there was nothing secret about it. The job description was up front and sent to the Department of Safety. He said maybe it was his fault there was distrust with certain people of the Commission and himself and what he was trying to accomplish. He said he would not allow a disgruntled employee to manage the Sheriff's department. Everything about the process has been upfront, he said. Sheriff Boehm said he lobbied for people already in his department to apply and they didn't. The things printed in the media, he said, have been questionable.

Commissioner Stamper said he knew of no disgruntled Commissioners. He said their concern was that they were affirmative and consistent. What he said he intended for the closed session was to discuss that policy to see they have been affirmative.

**SUBJECT: Presentation of 1997 Public Works Annual Report**

Public Works Director Frank Abart submitted the Boone County Public Works 1997 Annual Report as required by state statues.

**SUBJECT: Scott Boulevard Safety Project**

Mr. Abart said the County had entered into an agreement with the City of Columbia for the Scott Boulevard Safety Project. That agreement consists of three phases that requires the approval of both entities before the beginning of each phase. Phase one, he said, the concept review of costs and options has been completed. Phase two, the final plans and bid specifications is now ready to begin.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve Phase Two of the Scott Boulevard Safety Project, a joint agreement with the County of Boone and the city of Columbia.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 10-98.**

**SUBJECT: Vote to Hold a Closed Meeting Pursuant RSMo. 610.021**

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone hold a closed meeting immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 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.; 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 11-98.**

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper reported the Courthouse Square Committee had met and recommended that the request to place an anchor in the Courthouse Square not be approved by the County Commission. He said they were to receive a letter from the Exercise Tiger withdrawing their request. He scheduled the issue for Tuesday, January 27 for more discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.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