

TERM OF COMMISSION: June 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
Deputy County Clerk Mark Schlink

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 2:30 PM

Subject: El Chaparral Street and Storm Water Drainage Evaluations

Frank Abart stated that this was the first of three evaluation projects that public works had planned. The purpose of the evaluations was to determine which streets needed work and how much work they required.

Commissioner Miller then asked if the results would be brought back to the commission so that they could take action.

Frank Abart replied that that was correct and that plans and specifications as well.

Commissioner Miller stated that repairs for El Chaparral have already been budgeted.

Commissioner Vogt stated that repairs would be made this year and that this was not going to be just an evaluation.

Commissioner Stamper then moved to approve an agreement between the County of Boone and All-State Consultants for El Chaparral Street and Storm Water Drainage review and design work and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the necessary documentation.

Commissioner Vogt seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 289**

Subject: Consultative Services Agreement Terrazon Consultants Inc.

Frank Abart stated that this item was simply an approval and that money was changing hands.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the county had other firms doing the same work.

Frank Abart stated that that was correct and approval would simply give the county one more option.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the Boone County Commission approve an agreement between the county of Boone and Terrazon Consulting Inc.

Commissioner Vogt seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 290**

Subject: City of Ashland Grant

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission had been presented with the paper work for a \$25,000 grant to the City of Ashland.

Commissioner Miller stated that this was the standard yearly grant as approved by Proposition 1.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the Boone County Commission authorize the Presiding Commission to sign a grant between the City of Ashland and the County of Boone for Proposition 1 grant funding distribution.

Commissioner Miller seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 291**

Subject: Jail Staffing Study Proposal

Commissioner Miller stated that the staff study is similar to studies done in the past and that Mr. Garnos from CSG has just completed a length of stay study. She reported that Mr. Garnos stated that he had never worked with a county that has as accurate way of tracking numbers and that Boone County can be held up as a model for other counties.

Commissioner Miller then asked for approval of a staffing study, at a cost of four to six thousand dollars and that number was on the low end because the County's numbers are so good.

Subject: Awarding the Disability Insurance Bid

Commissioner Stamper welcomed Kay Murray, Treasure, and Wendy S. Noren, County Clerk.

Wendy S. Noren stated that, the budget provided for disability insurance for county employees. She further stated that the prepared bids had three options. She explained that the first two options differed by the effective date of the payments, whether the benefits kicked in after three months or six months. Option one paid at 60% and option two paid at 66 2/3% of the monthly salary. When an individual goes on Social Security, the integration is, under option 1 benefits kept only for the primary holder, option two for the primary and their dependents. Option three was that the individual company could submit their own. Another part of option 2 was the definition of disability, whether it would be if the person was disabled to the point that the person could not perform their own occupation they had at the time of the disability or on the individual's inability to perform any occupation. The own occupation option is a far more generous benefit, option 2 would be based on their own occupation until age 65 but only two proposals went with that option. She expressed her concern that after the time of the rate guarantee, that the rates go up considerably and since there were only two proposals for option two it would be hard to find anyone to bid on that option in two years when the guarantee is over. Her recommendation was for Guaranteed because of the lower cost despite fewer benefits. Those benefits could be added later because it is easier to add than to take away.

Commissioner Stamper asked whom the county would be dealing with in the Guaranteed model?

Wendy S. Noren replied that she did not know, that it was a joint project with Guaranteed and Diversified and this is only to approve the bid and if approved would allow the county to proceed with the contract phase.

Commissioner Miller stated that she agreed that after two years the price will go up and that it is a good idea to start small and asked what the estimated cost to the budget was.

Wendy S. Noren replied that it was \$3,500 a month, so that's \$42,000 a year.

Commissioner Miller stated that that was within the target range.

Commissioner Stamper then moved that the Boone County Commission award Bid number 24-06MAY98, employee disability coverage to Diversified Life, BCBS of Missouri, Guaranteed Life the Insurance group as recommended by the subcommittee on this matter.

Commissioner Miller seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 292**

Subject: Pin Oak NID Ratification

Commissioner Miller stated that she had been asked to work with the auditor to find allocations for the \$60,000 and further stated that the Commission had set aside \$30,000 as a contingency for enhanced communications for this year and due to time constraints they have been unable to complete the work, therefore the money was available for reallocation. Commissioner Miller then requested that that \$30,000 with \$30,000 from the emergency fund be allocated to the Pin Oak NID fund.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the commission transfer from department 1123 \$30,000 from emergency and \$30,000 from contingency to department 1190, OTO NID fund the same amount and establish in department 5100 the following budget areas, OTI General Fund, \$60,000 outside services.

Commissioner Miller seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 293**

Subject: Printer Bid Approval

Rebecca L. Jackson explained that this was bid number 31-10JUN98 for a printer, Computerland presented the lowest, best bid. KJM Marketing withdrew their bid due to their suppliers inability to supply the printers at the stated cost. The bid award represents a total cost of \$4,998.00. It was her understanding that the county would use unspent class 9 funds for this purchase.

Commissioner Stamper asked why were they using unspecified Class 9

Rebecca L. Jackson replied that that came from the Auditor's office

Commissioner Stamper moved that Boone Country Commission award bid number 31-10JUN98 for a printer to Computerland as identified and recommended by the department and authorizing the utilization of funds from an unspecified, unallocated class 9 funds.

Commissioner Vogt seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 294**

Subject: Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Miller explained that Mr. Nichols has evaluated the sandbags around the fountain and that a 6-12 inch lip around the fountain could contain the water.

Commissioner Stamper stated that a lip would solve 90 to 95 percent of the problem.

Commissioner Miller stated that unless any of the other Commissioners had a problem, that she would instruct Mr. Nichols to go ahead with planning.

Commissioner Miller then introduced Floyd Sims, the new temporary administrator for Boone Retirement Center. She further stated that she wanted the rest of the Commissioners to meet you.

Floyd Sims explained that as experienced administrator, he knew what inspectors would look for, for instance when meeting a patient, one goes up and takes the patient's hand and by doing so an experienced person can tell a lot from that. He found that generally the Boone Retirement Center has some minor problems but on scale of one to ten the Boone Retirement Center gets about an eight. He further explained that the residents are the most important and the political rattlings are secondary. That morning he had a two hour meeting with all the supervisors and that all the

supervisors are all very good. He further explained that for the last two years the Boone Retirement Center had perfect nursing and sanitation inspections. He stated that he was impressed overall and that his job would be a good job.

Commissioner Stamper expressed that there are three principal concerns about the Boone Retirement Center: first that the commission does not want to interfere with the day to day running of the center; secondly, quality of the care for the residents and future residents; third, has to do with the long term viability of the facility. It was Commissioner Stamper hope that the staffing patterns meet or exceed the State requirements and that there be some sort of reporting mechanism to the Commission. He then thanked Mr. Sims for the service.

Floyd Sims stated that everything boils down to patient care. He stated that the Boone Retirement Center would never be under state requirements.

Subject: Reality House Plans

Commissioner Miller asked Stuart Scroggs and Michelle from Reality House to join the Commission.

Stuart Scroggs explained the major change in the plans was the work release programs and the community shock programs would now be housed in separate wings.

Commissioner Miller stated that Mr. Scroggs and the Board of Reality House had done a very good job in stretching the County's money. Then asked for an estimation of the timing,

Mr. Scroggs stated the plan calls for a 50% evaluation on July 17 and then 100% on August 31.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Scroggs to explain what they would do with windows.

Mr. Scroggs explained that instead of true detention windows, which are rather expensive, they plan to meet the daylight requirements into the work release sleeping areas. He planned to do that by using glass block, which is much more economical. In addition, all the walls will be block, there will be pitched roofs, and sealed concrete and tile for the floors.

Commissioner Miller asked what standards the plans had to meet.

Mr. Scroggs explained that Reality House falls under the residential standards of American Corrections Association and then the work release program and the community shock program fell under the American Local Detention Facility guidelines, which is more geared towards prisons.

Commissioner Miller moved that the Boone County Commission accept and approve the plan as presented as the final concept design pending minor changes and approval of Mr. D'Eagal

Commissioner Stamper seconded

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 294A**

Subject: Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Miller reported that a road next to Hart Creek is on the verge of falling in to the river. She stated that she called Mr. Gorden and he said that working with the county was surpassing his authority. Repairs are in the works. She further reported that Jerry Worley asked about the small on site wastewater regulations and reported to her the changes for inspectors (that the inspectors must have four days of training). By doing so, the number of available inspectors will decrease and their prices will increase. Her last issue was an idea for the long-term plans for the Boone Retirement Center and maybe a task force could be made to look into options at the center.

Commissioner Stamper agreed that that was a good way to proceed and many citizens have offered to help in whatever way they can.

Commissioner Miller stated that time was of the essence.

Commissioner Stamper asked for public comment, no one responded.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner