

TERM OF COMMISSION: October Session of the August 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 Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:35p.m. by Commissioner Stamper.

Subject: Extension Update

Ron Higginbotham stated the he and his guests were appearing before the Commission to give them an update and to address any concerns that the Commission might have.

Emma Theuri, 4H Specialist talked about the youth programs in Boone County. She stated that there was an 11% increase in 4H enrollment. She stated that 60% of the 4H programs deal with agriculture, plants and animals, 40% deal with life skills, leadership, etc. She stated that there is a challenge to increase the enrollment of Boone County's youth in leadership-type programs.

Emma Theuri stated that there is one traditional program that involves teaching children how to care for young chickens. She stated that this program teaches the children responsibility and reaches about 3000 kids in the school system.

Emma Theuri stated that another challenge for 4H is to reach the other youth in the culture that have not benefited from the Extension program. She stated that there is a committee to evaluate the programs in 4H and recommend different directions in which to take 4H. The committee is known as the Expansion and Review Committee and they will be working together for the next two years.

Emma Theuri stated that Extension is cooperating with the other University departments to organize the Peak Program, which is an after-school program. The beginning date of the program is February 1, 1999. She also noted that 4H was in the process of working on a corroboration with Blind Boone Center so that the (4H) program could be offered to those children as well.

Commissioner Vogt stated that a little girl (who is one of her neighbors) was in the 4H program involving caring for a young chicken. Commissioner Vogt stated that the little girl still had chickens from the program and the little girl still brings her fresh eggs.

Don Day spoke about the Internet Master program that was started in this region and Saline County, and was then expanded statewide. He stated that some western states have also picked up the program. He noted that the program's first statewide conference would be held in December.

Don Day also stated that there would be a new newsletter directed toward part-time farmers. He stated that families that are part-time farmers have to juggle their jobs and their farms.

Don Day also stated that he had worked on a Global Extension Education program in March that took a trip to Costa Rica. He stated that he was working on putting together an International Agricultural Study program for farmers and agriculture business people to explore some of the things that have impact in the area of agriculture.

Ron Higginbotham discussed the Plan-of-Work process that Extension was working on. He stated that the Commission had been invited to attend the deliberative meetings.

Ron Higginbotham stated that a needs-statement would be developed from discussion during these meetings.

Commissioner Miller stated that there should have been an additional day meeting. She stated that there might have been more participation from people who work and would not come out to a night meeting.

Ron Higginbotham stated that there was some discussion about this and they decided on only one day meeting.

Ron Higginbotham discussed the Leadership-Rap conference. He stated that this program was offered during the school year calendar at the Juvenile Justice Center. He also noted that there was now a follow-up program. He stated that it involved contact with the Juvenile Justice officer.

Ron Higginbotham stated that 71% of the people involved with the program stated that they were better able to resolve conflict as a result of the program and 100% indicated that they could use learning to better themselves.

Ron Higginbotham invited the Commission to participate in the program.

Ron Higginbotham's final topic was the Ashland Community-based Planning which was an outgrowth of the Ashland Chamber of Economic Development Committee. He stated that a resource advisory committee was formed representing all the different groups. He noted that they were working with a ten-member citizen group in Ashland. He reported that they would be holding their third meeting this evening.

Commissioner Stamper asked how many meetings the group would have.

Ron Higginbotham stated that it was up to the group to decide that. He stated that the group was looking at developing three principles and the process of community-based planning.

Commissioner Vogt asked who was participating in the process from Boone County's Planning Building and Inspection.

Ron Higginbotham stated that Stan Shawver was participating in the process.

Subject: Jury Services Budget Amendment-Mary Mueller

Mary Mueller stated that she was requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$36,600 to the Jury Services Budget. She stated that \$2100 was for jury parking. She noted that they used to pay for parking on a flat rate and now they have to pay on a use basis.

Mary Mueller stated that the increase in court costs were due to GAL fees and attorney's fees. She stated that the number of actual GAL appointments had increased by approximately 30%. She noted that you also have to take into account the complexity of the cases, the time that a GAL spends on each case and the GAL increase in fees from \$30/hr to \$50/hr.

Commissioner Stamper asked if this amendment would be enough to cover the remaining costs of the year.

Mary Mueller stated that she believed it would.

Commissioner Miller asked if the GAL rate was set by statute.

Mary Mueller stated that it was not.

Commissioner Miller asked if the GAL rate was identified in statute when a GAL was appointed.

Mary Mueller stated that it is in a number of cases, such as child protection cases.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would like a note in the budget negotiations on how to handle this area because the County could not afford 30% increases in any area.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a Budget Revision for Jury Services in the Circuit Clerk’s Office as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT FROM</u>
\$36,600	1123-86800 Emergency Fund
<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT TO</u>
\$2100	1230-84005 Jury Parking
\$34,500	1230-84600 Court Costs

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 518A-98**

Subject: Vehicle Disposal

Beckie Jackson requested the authorization to dispose of a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria via Cornell Motors at the Kirksville Auto Auction. She stated that the vehicle had been reviewed by the department and was found not suitable for use.

Commissioner Vogt moved to authorize the disposal of a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria via Cornell Motors and Kirksville auto auction per recommendation of the Purchasing Director as outlined in the October 25, 1998 memorandum. And further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the vehicle title.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 518-98**

Beckie Jackson asked the Commission if they wanted an update on the three test vehicles.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they did.

Beckie Jackson stated that they had not heard from any of the Local law Enforcement Agencies regarding the three vehicles. She stated that they were in the process of preparing documents to be issued to every law enforcement agency in the state. She stated that she was also attempting to send photographs of the vehicles.

Commissioner Miller stated that she wished the letters could be sent to counties first.

Beckie Jackson stated that she had received the mailing labels for all of the law enforcement agencies in the State. She also noted that this was in accordance to the initial plan to send out letters to all local law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Miller stated that it would be nice for counties to help other counties and that it would also save on postage since there were only three vehicles to be purchased.

Beckie Jackson stated that she had wanted to update the Commission in order to see if they had any information concerning the sale of the vehicles.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had heard some budget concerns in that some of the cities' budget cycles were not the same as Boone County. For example, Ashland was in the middle of a budget year and had not accounted for this type of acquisition.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she was not opposed to sending the letter to the 114 counties first.

Commissioner Miller stated that she was in support of this.

The Commission gave consensus agreement that the letters should be sent to all Missouri counties first.

Subject: Stormwater Model

Beckie Jackson stated that they had reviewed the bids. She also noted that the department would not be awarding any of the Addendum alternates for on-site training or telephone technical support.

Commissioner Miller asked if this was for stormwater.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it was.

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Commissioner Stamper stated that this fits the cab design system so that when internal designs are done, the stormwater model can be used for any given roadway.

Beckie Jackson asked if there was a budget revision addressed for this project.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there had not been one addressed. He noted however, that there were adequate Class 9 funds available.

Commissioner Miller stated that she was concerned about not having training for software that might be unfamiliar to the users.

Beckie Jackson stated that the users had wanted to have the software for awhile before they received training. She also noted that the users felt there might be some other training available for this software.

Commissioner Miller asked if the Information Technology approved of this. She stated that she would rather table this item and get their approval.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Information Technology did not approve all software. Beckie Jackson stated that she had purchased software that had not been reviewed by Information Technology.

Commissioner Miller stated that she felt the technical support issue should be checked out first.

The item was tabled for further investigation.

Subject: Bank Stabilization Project

Beckie Jackson stated that the department had reviewed the bids for 52-20OCT98 Bank Stabilization project and recommended award to CL Richardson Construction Company, Inc.

Commissioner Stamper noted that there was a large spread on the bids.

Beckie Jackson stated that the reason for the bid range (as she understood it to be) was related to the fill dirt availability. She noted that CL Richardson had better access to the fill dirt.

Commissioner Stamper moved to award Bid Number 52-20OCT98 as follows:

FOR	TO
BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT	CL RICHARDSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Said bid is awarded per recommendation of the Purchasing Director. Pursuant to this order, the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contract documents.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 519-98**

Subject: Hire a Deputy-Sheriff's Department

Major Stone stated that there was a former employee that had worked in the Corrections division of the department for about two years. He stated that the employee started at the base rate and had worked his way up to \$11.02/hr.

Major Stone stated that the employee had left in order to gain certification. He stated that the employee was able to obtain a grant that paid for this training during his absence from County employ. He stated that the employee had been re-hired by the Sheriff's department at the \$11.02/hr rate of pay.

Commissioner Miller asked if the employee had taken a leave of absence.

Major Stone stated that the employee had not, but rather for the sake of the grant had left his position in the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Miller asked why the grant made it so that the employee had to quit his job with the Sheriff's department.

Major Stone stated that the grant paid for all of the employee's expenses during his training and noted that the department would gain money (\$10,000) by hiring an employee that had gained this certification.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the employee had been re-hired on October 19, 1998.

Major Stone stated that he had been re-hired on that date.

Major Stone noted that the Sheriff's department had done something similar to this earlier this year. He also noted that the funds were available.

Commissioner Miller stated that she felt this was a reasonable request, however she felt that everyone should be cognizant of the fact that this was a break from policy.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the Sheriff's Department to re-hire a former employee for the position of Deputy at a starting rate of \$11.22 per hour which is above the base of the range. The necessary funding for said action is to be provided by the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 520-98**

Commissioner Stamper asked that the Sheriff's department bring these kinds of issues to the Commission before the employee is re-hired.

Subject: Change Order No. Six (6) for Vawter School Road Improvement Project

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve Change Order Number 6 Purchase Order Number 1998 000125 with APAC of Missouri, Richardson and Bass Division for Vawter School Road Improvement Project. Said change is to Bid Number 04-24FEB98 for an additional \$5,505.00.

It is furthered ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign documents pertaining to said change order.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper stated that this was for the purposes of the burm replacement.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 521-98**

Commissioner Stamper announced that he had received a letter of final approval of the application regarding relocation of the existing highway rail crossing for the Columbia Terminal railroad.

Subject: Oakland Gravel Agreement with the City of Columbia

The Commission agreed to bring this issue back to the agenda after further discussion of the details for this project with Frank Abart, Director of Public Works.

Subject: Boone Retirement Center

Commissioner Miller stated that Cindy Forbis was attending the meeting in order to give the Commission an update on the progress of Boone Retirement Center.

Cindy Forbis, Interim Director of Boone Retirement Center, stated that BRC has expanded its Medicare beds from 8-16. She stated that there was a small profit for the month of October preliminary.

Cindy Forbis, stated that BRC had hired three new employees the she believed would be very good.

Cindy Forbis reported that they were working on some decorating projects along with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Cindy Forbis thanked the Commission for their hard work and negotiations skills for the BRC during this time of transition.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.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