

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the February 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
County Counsel John Patton

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:30p.m.

Subject: Request for Assistance on the Neighborhood Improvement Project for (Martin's Crossing-Dawn Davis and residents of the neighborhood)

Commissioner Stamper asked any representatives from the neighborhood to come forward and state their name and address for the record.

Dawn Davis, stated that she and Martha Duff were lot owners at Martin's Crossing. She also stated that there were several other people from Martin's Crossing present on behalf of the request. Dawn Davis introduced her husband Steve Davis, Mark Wortman, and Joe Nowlin.

Dawn Davis read aloud a letter/statement that she and the other members of the Martin's Crossing had written to the Commission in reference to the fact that certain requirements put in place for Martin's Crossing (when it platted) were not met.

Dawn Davis stated that the appropriate checks and balances had not occurred for the development of the NID. She stated that the community had been told that it would be a year before their project (and its problems) would be addressed. She stated that the neighborhood was contacted on January 29, 1999 by John Watkins to let them know that their NID was next on the list. She also stated however that most residents could not afford to pay for the NID.

Dawn Davis stated that this area was in a desperate condition

Dawn Davis demonstrated on a map (for the Commission) where Martin's Crossing was located.

Commissioner Stamper asked where most of the (water) runoff for this was coming from.

John Watkins stated that most of the tributaries came from under Mexico Gravel Rd.

Commissioner Stamper asked how they were being treated.

John Watkins stated that there were four culvert pipes in the low water crossing. He stated that this was less than a quarter of a mile away from Mexico Gravel Rd.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the County maintained Billy Jean Dr.

John Watkins stated that the County only maintained the first portion of it.

Commissioner Stamper accepted all of the documents that the group from Martin's Crossing had presented for the public record.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak on this subject.

There was no one else that wished to speak.

Commissioner Stamper asked Frank Abart, Director of Public Works and Stan Shawver, Director of Planning and Building Inspection to come forward to answer questions.

Commissioner Stamper asked Stan Shawver to provide some enlightenment on the issue that the group had raised concerning plat requirements.

Stan Shawver stated that this plat was done at a time when Boone County was not requiring an insulation of infrastructure as part of the platting process. He stated that it was left up to the developer if they wanted County maintenance to occur. He stated that if they did, then the road had to be built to County standards, inspected and then turned over for maintenance.

Stan Shawver stated that there were many developments (built in the past) wherein the developer had not wanted to go to the expense of bringing the road up to County standards. He stated that in some cases the developer continued to maintain the roads and in other cases, it was left up to the people that were still in the development area.

Stan Shawver stated that it was not until 1990 that the County began requiring that infrastructure be in place or bonded before the platting process could be completed.

Frank Abart stated that this neighborhood was one example of why the regulations were now so stringent. He stated that however, at this time, there was not a mechanism in place to help with costs on roads that are not currently County maintained.

Commissioner Stamper asked how many properties were in this neighborhood improvement district.

John Watkins stated that there were 10 properties in this NID.

Commissioner Stamper estimated that it would cost each property owner about \$12,900 per property or \$1290 a year in additional taxes.

Joe Nowlin, 3105 Billy Jean Dr, stated that he owned lots 1 and 2. He stated that he had attended Planning and Zoning meetings with Mr. Martin. He stated that Mr. Martin had been turned down on his request the first time because the road was not wide enough. He stated that Mr. Martin had to go back and work with his engineer to get everything worked out. He stated that there was also a gentleman named Mr. McCubbin that owned a strip of land that comes off of Mexico Gravel Rd that had to be widened to another ten feet. He stated that Mr. Martin had sent him to see Mr. McCubbin in order to try and get his request approved, however Mr. McCubbin would not approve it unless Mr. Martin paid for the ten feet. Mr. Martin agreed and Mr. McCubbin put the road in and had it approved. He stated that therefore, when he (Joe Nowlin) bought his property it was with the understanding that all of this work would be done. He stated that they were under the impression that everything would be done, however the whole deal had fallen apart on them.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Mr. Nowlin's comments had summarized the problem that the Commission faced. He stated that prior to 1990 there was not a requirement or a bonding (or binding) process for the development to put in the infrastructure (with the exception that if they wanted it accepted for County maintenance, then the road had to be built to County standards).

Commissioner Stamper stated that the practice was quite a bit different now. He stated that if the developer was unable to make the improvements, then they were now required to do bonds and other things to ensure that the improvements would be made. He stated that this process was developed because of situations similar to Martin's Crossing.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County did not have the recourses to litigate or pursue the developer on this issue. He stated that it was a matter of civil law and not of governmental law, if the developer did not meet the requirements that they said they were going to meet. He stated that it was terrible if the residents had to assume all of the costs, however it would set a dangerous precedent if the County invested normal County, Road and Bridge funds to bring a road up to specifications in order to have it accepted for County maintenance.

Commissioner Stamper stated that since neither he nor Karen Miller had been out to see this particular area in a long time, it would be a good idea to go out and take a look at it. He stated that they would table the action for today, take a look at the area, visit with staff, and see if there

was anything that could be done. He stated that they would report back to the group from Martin's Crossing at a later date.

Joe Nowlin stated that it was not that bad for him to get into his place because he was on the western side of the bridge.

Commissioner Stamper asked how often this area flooded.

Mark Wortman, 2950 Billy Jean Dr, stated that it flooded just about every time it rains now.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the residents of the Martin's Crossing area for coming and cautioned them that this was a very gray area for the Commission and one that they did not venture off into very often.

Commissioner Vogt reiterated that these were the reasons why a NID process was in place. She stated that they could not expend public funds on something like this, but they could help the neighborhood bring the area up to standard.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she would happy to come out and visit with residents in case there were more things that they needed to show the Commission.

Commissioner Stamper stated that by his rough estimate a box culvert would cost about \$70,000.

John Watkins stated that with all of the costs related to the box culvert would cost about \$90,000 for the box culvert.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he thought he had read in the report that the box culvert would cost about \$55,000.

John Watkins stated that there was a lot of embankment in place, the road would have to be built up and the existing structure taken out.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there was any possibility that a retention pond would help this situation.

John Watkins stated that he did not know if this would save any money for the residents.

Commissioner Stamper reiterated that the Commission would investigate the situation further and get back to the residents with their findings.

Subject: Approve a project to build restrooms on the Katy Trail and authorization to apply for Grant funds

Commissioner Stamper welcomed Scott Schulte and asked what his title was.

Scott Schulte stated that he was the Superintendent of the middle section of the Katy Trail, Division of State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources. He stated that DNR would be applying for a Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century grant known as T-21. He stated that this would be used to assist in the construction of restroom and info depots at the trail-heads along Katy State Park. He stated that part of that application process enlisted the support of the counties through which the trail passes. He stated that the grant would be between DNR, MO Department of Transportation with no cost to the community.

Scott Schulte stated that he had a suggested letter of support that should be sent to Doug Eiken, Director of the MO Division of State Parks, Department of Natural Resources. He stated that the trail-heads were at Hartsburg, McBaine, and Rocheport. He stated that there was already a bathroom being built at Hartsburg and there was already one at Rocheport. He stated that they wanted to put one in at McBaine and they also wanted to build an information depot. He stated that the local government needed to support this request in order for the project to receive a T-21 grant.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there had been talk about doing a similar project at the intersection of the MKT trail and the Katy Trail and tying it to a historical reference for the height of the 1993, 1995 floods. He asked if there had been any thought given to doing this. He also wanted to know where the bathroom and info depot would be located.

Scott Schulte stated that the restrooms would be located near the parking lot, however the info depot would be at the parking lot unless the County had some request to put it at the junction, then they could probably do that. He stated that they wanted the facilities to be ADA compatible. He stated that they wanted a facility to let people coming across country know about the different cities along the trail and directions, etc.

Commissioner Miller stated that people did not even know where they could get sandwiches. She asked if this would be the kind of information that would be available.

Scott Schulte stated that each info depot would have a section set aside for the local communities. He stated that the actual maintaining of the information and the type of information available would be up to each community.

Commissioner Stamper asked for comments. He stated that he thought that the Commission's support of this project would be immediate and enthusiastic, however he wanted to give everyone an opportunity to comment on the subject.

Commissioner Miller asked if this project was one that had come out of the hearings on the trail needs.

Scott Schulte stated that this was correct. He stated that this project had come out of the public meetings as part of the conceptual development plan process.

Commissioner Vogt asked if they were applying for 80% of the funding. She also asked if the other 20% matching funds were already in place.

Scott Schulte stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Stamper moved to endorse the request by the Department of Natural Resources to have transportation enhancement funds allocated for the purposes of establishing a restroom and info depot facility at the McBaine Katy Trail station and further identify that the Boone County Commission writes a letter in support of this request with the signatures of each Commission member.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Discussion: Scott Schulte stated that Hartsburg needed to be included in the motion as well.

Commissioner Stamper modified his motion to include Hartsburg.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 74A-99**

Subject: Budget Revision for Out of County Housing December 1998

Major Warren Brewer stated that the monthly housing cost column on this information sheet (out of County housing figures) was incorrectly transposed. He stated that he had included the correct figure and a graph on another sheet in the packet.

Major Warren Brewer stated that he was present to request a budget revision for the month of December 1998. He stated that this transfer reflected payment to Reality House, Inc., and the Counties of Henry, Montgomery, Callaway, and Warren.

Commissioner Miller asked about the total of the present population.

Major Warren Brewer stated that at present they were at 190 with 59 being housed out of County.

Commissioner Vogt asked if this was the last time that emergency funds would have to be appropriated.

Major Warren Brewer stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she would still like to have Major Warren Brewer to come forward and give a report every month.

Commissioner Miller stated that she thought this would be a good idea as well.

Major Warren Brewer stated that the average daily population of January, 1999 was 191 and for February, 1999 it was 190.

Commissioner Miller stated that this was below the capacity level after the renovation work is completed.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a Budget revision as follows:

AMOUNT	(from) ACCOUNT	(to) ACCOUNT
\$14,177	1123-86800 Emergency	
\$5,000	1255-23400 Food	
\$6,000	1255-85610 Hospital	
\$10,000	1255-85620 Other Medical	
\$22,523	1255-10100 Salaries & Wages	
\$57,700		\$1255-71100

Said revision is to cover out of County housing for December, 1998.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 75-99**

Subject: Hiring of LPN at the Sheriff's Department

Mark Stone stated that the County had recently established some new positions at the Sheriff's Department to assume the (medical) services that had been previously contracted through the city of Columbia. He stated that the Commission had approved the recommended pay ranges for the RN and LPN positions. He stated that they had posted and recruited for a licensed practical nurse and this had resulted in receiving the applications of five individuals. He stated that they had interviewed four of the individuals, and three of them decided to withdraw from consideration, leaving the Sheriff's Department with only 2 candidates.

Mark Stone stated that one of the individuals was pursuing a degree and it was questionable as to whether or not this person's schedule would match the needs of the department. Therefore there was only one remaining, very qualified individual that possessed some very directly related, correctional facility experience. He stated that this individual was very highly suited to the needs of the Sheriff's Department.

Major Warren Brewer stated that he agreed with Mr. Stone's interpretation of the candidate's qualifications.

Mark Stone stated that the candidate would require a \$12 per hour rate of pay that would fall within the pay range of the position (\$10.37-15.19 per hour). He stated that the candidate's required range would be approximately 16% over the base of the range. He stated that he had

certification that funds were available within the existing Sheriff's Department budget. He stated that it also appeared that this would not create any internal inequity.

Commissioner Stamper asked how many LPN positions there were at the Sheriff's Department.

Major Warren Brewer stated that they had elected to go with one full-time LPN in addition to the full-time RN. He stated that they were confident that the scheduling and the qualifications of the LPN (in addition to the total service provided) this would be sufficient.

Commissioner Stamper asked what the base of the range for a RN was.

Mark Stone stated that it was a range 29 or \$17.46 per hour.

Commissioner Miller asked if Mark Stone had stated that the person had experience in the medical field in a correctional facility.

Major Warren Brewer and Mark Stone stated that the person did have that experience. Major Warren Brewer stated that this candidate had performed the job that the Sheriff's Department had anticipated that this position would become within the facility.

Commissioner Vogt asked if it was difficult to find someone that has medical, correctional facility experience.

Major Warren Brewer stated that it had been the Sheriff's Department's experience that it was. He stated that even when the services were being contracted for through the city of Columbia, it was extremely difficult to find someone or even gain applicants for the positions. He stated that he felt that this was due to the fear of litigation and the environment.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire a LPN at a rate of pay above the base of the range.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 80-99**

Subject: Reclassification of the Witness Location Investigator position

Mark Stone stated that this request was from the Prosecuting Attorney's office. He stated that last year the Sheriff's Department had requested to have the Law Enforcement positions reviewed. He stated that based on that review, the job classification committee had recommended to the Commission that those positions be moved from range 17 to range 20. He stated that this was approved. However, with further review the job classification committee realized that it had overlooked the Witness Location Investigator position, which they felt was very similar to the Law Enforcement positions due to the qualifications and the responsibility of the job.

Mark Stone stated that they were requesting that the Witness Location Investigator position be reclassified from range 17 to range 20 with the reclassification made retroactive.

Commissioner Miller asked if this position had been reviewed at the time of establishment. She further wanted to know if it been found that it should be at the same level as the Sheriff's Department.

Mark Stone stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not know if he agreed with the comparison to a Law Enforcement officer. He wanted to know if a person in this position had to make arrests.

Mark Stone stated that this person had to serve papers and do investigative work. He also stated that the number one goal of the job classification committee was to ensure internal equity and then look at market competitiveness.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there was just one position for this job.

Mark Stone stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the reclassification of the Witness Location Investigator position in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office from pay range 17 to pay range 20 ordering that the reclassification be retroactive to January 1, 1999. And further authorize a budget revision to cover the reclassification as follows:

AMOUNT	(from) ACCOUNT	(to) ACCOUNT
\$2,746		1261-10100 Wages & Salaries
\$210		1261-10200 FICA
\$2,956	1123-86800 Emergency	

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 76-99**

Subject: Hiring a Project Engineer in Public Works Department at a rate of pay above the base of the range

Mark Stone stated that the County had been trying to recruit for a Project Engineer since the position was posted for on December 9, 1998. He stated that they had placed advertisements in several different cities in the Mid-MO area on several different occasions. He stated that they also advertised with the Public Works chapters in St. Louis and Kansas City. He stated that they placed ads in the ICMA JOB Newsletter (which targets minorities and women) in order to gather an applicable applicant pool. He stated that they had identified an individual that had a professional engineer’s license and eleven and a half years of work experience. He stated that the candidate also possessed some of the technical and computer design experience necessary.

Mark Stone stated that the individual required a salary of \$45,000, approximately 20% over the base of the range 30 position. He stated that this would not create internal inequity and there was certification that the funds existed in the design construction division of that department.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the Public Works Department to hire a Project Engineer at a rate of pay above the base of the range.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 77-99**

Subject: Boone County Road Improvement/Repair Project for Harrisburg

Frank Abart stated that this was the last of these agreements. He stated that these road improvement agreements were all previously approved and were accounted for in the 1999 budget.

Commissioner Vogt moved to approve the Boone County Road Improvement/Repair Project Agreement between the city of Harrisburg and Boone County in the amount of \$7,000 for services as outlined. And further order that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 78-99**

Subject: Authorization for Appraisals on Gans and Dee Woods Rds

Frank Abart stated that the department was at the point on these two projects that they needed to request permission from the Commission to have County Counsel incur reimbursable expenses in order to acquire appraisals.

Commissioner Miller stated that these were necessary in order to move the projects along especially when the Presiding Commissioner held his meetings with the residents of those communities.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he and Frank Abart had discussed that this meeting would probably be scheduled sometime later this month or in April.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there had been any discussion with the residents of Gans Rd.

Frank Abart stated that they had several discussions with some individuals in this area. He stated that the design plans were about 80-90% complete.

Commissioner Stamper asked when the Gans Rd project would be completed.

Frank Abart stated that allowing time for possible condemnation proceedings, he hoped to have the bid ready by the end of the third quarter.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he told an individual that this would be a 2000 project.

Frank Abart stated that this was probably about right.

John Patton stated that there were not many owners to deal with in this area.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the acquisition of appraisals as necessary on Gans Rd and Dee Woods Rd. And further order that County Counsel be hereby allowed to incur reimbursable expenses to achieve the necessary appraisals.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 79-99**

Subject: 9 Consultant Services Agreements for Public Works Department projects (1999)

Frank Abart stated that this was an annual update of the County's current registry of professional consulting engineers that met the criteria (having liability insurance and other things as necessary). He stated that there was no expense in regards to authorization of these particular consultant engineers.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission had received some calls from some consultants that were not on the list who wished for the County to evaluate its current liability insurance position. He asked Frank Abart to prepare comments for this subject (to be discussed) at the next work session. He asked if the Commission wanted to approve this list before that discussion.

Commissioner Miller stated that they could always approve this and then amend or add to it later.

Commissioner Vogt stated that just because the Commission was accepting these agreements did not mean that the County could not accept more consultant services agreements in the future.

Frank Abart stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the Consultant Services Agreements between Boone County and the following agencies:

- Allstate Consultants*
- Brush and Associates, Inc.*
- Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation*
- Engineering Surveys and Services, Inc.*
- Harrington and Cortelyou, Inc.*
- Meco Engineering Co. Inc.*
- Poepping, Stone, Bach and Associates, Inc.*
- Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.*
- Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw, Inc.*

These agreements are for the 1999 calendar year with payment terms as outlined (in each agreement).

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 81-99**

Subject: Award RFP 65-16DEC98 Electronic Monitoring Services and Equipment Lease Term and Supply

Beckie Jackson stated that Darryl Martin, Director of the Adult Court Services Division and Lisa Smith, Juvenile Court Director were the ones that conducted the ACS office monitoring services and were also a part of the evaluation committee. She stated that they had reviewed the responses received and recommended contract award to General Security Services Corporation (GSSC).

Beckie Jackson noted that they had provided a copy of the bid tabulation and stated for the public record that this award was evaluated in a RFP format. She stated that each person on the committee was provided with copies of the responses and asked to rank the firms individually. She stated that those results were averaged to the vendors. She stated that GSSC and BI were invited in for interviews and to provide demonstrations on the electronic monitoring services and the word verification services. She stated that this was the committee's recommendation based on all of those things.

Commissioner Vogt moved to award RFP 65-16DEC98 as follows:

FOR	TO
ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES EQUIPMENT LEAST TERM AND SUPPLY	GENERAL SECURITY SERVICES CORPORATION (GSSC)

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

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 82-99**

Subject: IT Consulting Services Agreement

Commissioner Miller stated that Kevin Alleman of the IT Department had left the County to pursue other opportunities, however he had agreed to make consultant arrangements in case something came up that the IT Department could not handle in a timely enough manner.

Commissioner Miller stated that this agreement would help out the most with the court systems in the Sheriff's Department since they had daily reports that had to be done for caseloads. She stated that Kevin Alleman had agreed to perform these services as needed at a rate of pay of \$50 per hour. She stated that Kevin Alleman's services would not be engaged unless the IT Director or Jim Petit, Programming Supervisor contacted him directly. She stated that she asked Kevin Alleman, if there were new programming that the County was interested in installing, would he be interested in contracting for this service. She stated that he would be interested in this.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Consultant Services Agreement between Boone County and Kevin Alleman and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt asked if Jim Petit would calculate how many hours a project should take to be completed.

Commissioner Miller stated that this agreement would only be used if Jim Petit recognized that a problem would take hours to solve, then he would contact Kevin Alleman who would either come in or speak with Jim Petit over the phone to resolve the problem.

Commissioner Miller stated that the agreement was set up in quarter hour increment billings so that the County would not have to pay for a minimum one-hour's worth of work.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she had spoken with Jim Petit about out-sourcing some of the work in the IT Department.

Commissioner Miller stated that they would wait until there was an IT Department meeting to deal with that subject.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 82A-99**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper asked that the other members of Commission review their calendars and set a work session for a three-topic minimum.

The Commission agreed on a Wednesday morning work session. Commissioner Stamper stated that the agenda items would be growth issues, Health Department and Fairgrounds. He stated that they would talk about transportation funding requests for the Centre State project in the work session with Frank Abart.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would be sharing with the Commission in that work session an assessment of what had been learned in the past few weeks on the Fairgrounds issue.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she was still trying to find some avenue of resource to fund that issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there was a fairly significant issue brewing on PIC regions. He stated that their region would have to align itself with another region. He stated that the decision making in this rested with the County Commission and therefore it would be necessary to allocate some work session time on pics and to strategize how they wanted to align themselves. He stated that there were a couple of questionnaires coming out that needed to be filled out. He stated that this kind of related to the ROTC.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there was information on the regions that they could join.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they would discuss this in the work session.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission had needed to know the location of the sirens. She stated that she had received a list and a request to confirm the siren dedication.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had spoken with the individual in charge of this earlier that morning.

Commissioner Miller reported that she had went to Soil and Water Conservation in order to find out if there were Conservation easements available through the State. She reported that the structure was present, however the funding had never been put in place. She stated that there was a demonstration date for an on-site sewage system at Bradford Farms for people who were looking at on-site systems.

Commissioner Miller also reported that Soil and Water Conservation was doing a major recruitment for minorities in order to get them interested in conservation careers. She stated that they would be doing a two-week summer camp (for three years in a row). She stated that the camp was very competitive, however Soil and Water Conservation would pay for the costs. She stated that the camp started a person's freshman year (25-30 people) to attend summer camp to get them interested in those kind of careers.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt reported that she had lunch with Barton Boyle and Cindy Forbis at Boone Retirement Center. She stated that the food was very good and she felt very confident in the Board and Mr. Boyle's ability to lead them.

Commissioner Vogt also stated that the PEAK project opened this week and she had spoken with Khesha Duncan who stated that things were going very well. She stated that Khesha Duncan had invited them all to drop in on Mondays or Thursdays.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she had received a call about the need to dust-control Mt Zion Church Rd.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she and Commissioner Miller had attended the National Association of Counties meeting. She stated that she had attended a very interesting session on healthcare. She stated that she learned that some counties supplemented Medicare. She decided that she would contact some Commissioners from those areas to find out how that worked.

Commissioner Stamper stated that some of those counties had huge healthcare budgets.

Public Comment

John Patton stated that he had received a request for information from the Sewer District (sent by a developer) having to do with Pin Oak. He stated that they wanted to know what the policy was on handling assessments when big lots (subject to assessment) are subdivided. He stated that from the standpoint of the statutes, there was no provision for allocating on a pro-rata basis unless the assessment was redone with more lots added and the property was then reassessed. He stated that the Sewer District envisioned this as being problematic.

John Patton stated that the other approach that could be taken was to leave the assessments on the lots as they were in the district.

Commissioner Vogt asked why the lots could not be made to pay if they subdivided.

John Patton stated that this was not provided for in the State statutes.

Commissioner Miller asked if they needed an amendment in the statutes.

John Patton stated that this area could use a little more flexibility in this area. He stated that there was no effective way to deal with the landowners sitting and waiting to subdivide.

John Patton stated that he needed an answer for the request.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this would be an issue within the NID and also an issue when lots were not in the NID. He stated that there should be a policy that somehow engaged these developing areas when they connected to lines that were paid for. He stated that a tac-on fee could be established based on what the landowners in the NID had to pay, however the landowners in the NID really should be the one that would benefit from this.

Commissioner Stamper asked if they had set the final assessments on the NID. He asked if they still had the latitude to change the assessments.

John Patton stated that this was correct.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they needed to adjust the final assessments to include the other lots on an equal share.

John Patton asked, what if they get their plat approved before the final assessment?

Commissioner Stamper stated that they needed to do more research on this.

The Commission agreed to approach everyone involved, to adjust the assessments of the existing Pin Oak and to accommodate this one if it could be platted and finished in time. They agreed to work on the other aspects at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren

Karen M. Miller

Clerk of the County Commission

District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner