

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  
County Counsel John Patton  
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

*The County Commission held a special session on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to accommodate a discussion on the Boone County Fairgrounds.*

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:00pm.

**Subject: Discussion on the Boone County Fairgrounds**

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would be discussing an agreement to purchase the Boone County Fairgrounds (with the exception of the 80 acres that has been purchased by a private citizen). He stated that they also needed to discuss the related lease agreement.

Commissioner Miller stated that her only question was in regards to the annual use of the property for the Boone County Fair. She stated that the agreement stipulated the annual use period as being a 14-day period, any time between the first day of June until the last day of August. She wanted to know if this time period could be narrowed in order to accommodate other possible uses of the property. She suggested that a one-month be designated for the Boone County Fair and Boone Electric Cooperative in order to free up the property other uses during the remaining eleven months of the year.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would defer this question to Vicki Russell, president of the Fair Board.

Vicki Russell stated that the time frame could probably be narrowed. She stated that the Fair Board could most likely designate by the end of the preceding year what the 14-day period for the next Boone County Fair would be. She stated that the Fair Board, ideally, liked to hold the Boone County Fair immediately following Boone Electric Cooperative's use of the property. She stated that they tried to be aware of other events such as the Show-Me State games and the State Fair so as not to be in competition with those events. She noted that if Boone Electric Cooperative chose a date that would not allow the Fair to follow their event, then they would have to precede the event sponsored by BEC.

Vicki Russell stated that the Fair Board would not wait until March to set the date for the Fair. She stated that the Fair Board recently appointed a committee to review the terms of the lease. She asked County Counsel John Patton if the detail of the three-month period could be amended at a later date.

John Patton stated that if the lease were agreed to today, the parties involved would be agreeing to the document as it is written. He stated however that it could be amended at a later date.

Vicki Russell stated that she was certain that the Fair Board would be willing to stipulate a shorter period and amend the agreement at a later date.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission's intention in approving these documents would be to close the sale of the property at 4pm this afternoon. He stated that the closing of the sale would be coordinated by Boone Central Title Company (once the title insurance clearance was granted).

John Patton stated that the motion should be to approve the Agreement for Property Sale dated October 4, 1999 and the accompanying lease contingent upon title insurance commitment being issued today prior to the closing as satisfactory to County Counsel.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the Contract for purchase of the property known as the Boone County Fairgrounds from the Boone County Agricultural and Mechanical Society and the corresponding lease of said facility to the Fair Board authorizing the Presiding Commissioner to sign the documents at closing pending final title insurance.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller stated that the parties involved would pursue the other amendments at a later date.

An opportunity was provided for public comment. There was no one present that wished to comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 391B-99**

The meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.

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