

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 meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 1:30pm.

**Subject: Variance Requests from the Road & Bridge Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Miller stated that she attended the Road & Bridge Advisory Committee meeting. She stated that they discussed the fact that the new roads are wider than this section (148 ft section of Brower Properties). She stated however that this section meets the same standard as the Lakewood area, which is applying to be a NID. She stated that the Road & Bridge Advisory Committee approved this variance.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the request by Brower Properties to accept a 148' section of concrete street pavement for maintenance and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign all related documents.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 414-99**

Frank Abart stated that this variance request is being made by developer Ron Shy, Allstate Consultants, for cul-de-sac over 1,000 ft. He stated that the committee determined, after review of the area, that the current design makes the best use of land. He stated that it would not be very cost effective to try to bridge the ravines.

Commissioner Miller stated that they also discussed the fact that if shorter cul-de-sac lengths were required, then this would just increase the length of the driveways. She stated that they decided that it would be better to have public streets (for emergency vehicle access) instead of longer driveways.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the request by Allstate Consultants for cul-de-sac lengths over 1,000 ft in the Deerfield Ridge planned residential development.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed. **Order 415-99**

There were two yes votes, no nay votes, and one abstention. **Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Vogt were in favor of the motion.**

**Commissioner Stamper abstained.** [Commissioner Stamper removed himself from the discussion of this item and therefore did not vote on the matter].

**Subject: Hire a Law Enforcement Officer at the Sheriff's Department at a rate of pay above the base of the range**

This agenda item was tabled until the following Tuesday.

**Subject: Budget Revision to increase personnel appropriations for the Centralia office**

June Pitchford scheduled this item for approval on the County Commission agenda. However, she was not able to be present for the discussion, therefore the Commission tabled this item until the following Tuesday.

**Subject: City of Columbia Annexation**

Commissioner Stamper reported that the City of Columbia has voluntarily annexed 38.08 acres owned by Roy and Raymond Rogers located just off of Sinclair Street south of Heritage Meadow subdivision. He submitted the notice for the public record.

**Subject: Extension of Temporary Employee in the Facilities Maintenance Department**

Commissioner Stamper stated that Chuck Nichols needs to extend the contract for a temporary employee who is replacing an employee that is currently on sick leave. He stated that Chuck Nichols intend to pay the temporary employee out of the Class 7 contracted services account.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the request for an extension on the contract for a temporary housekeeping employee for another three weeks at an estimated cost of \$1620.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 416-99**

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### *Commissioner Miller*

Commissioner Miller reported that last night she attended the first educational program (sponsored by the Mental Health Committee) to prevent violence in schools. She stated that the program, which was led by Dr. Hussein was entitled *Teachers as Therapists*. She stated that the discussion was very valuable. She stated that many of the things that Dr. Hussein stated that teachers should do in order to prevent violence in schools, were already being done in Boone County schools.

Commissioner Miller stated that Dr. Hussein was attempting to work with Dr. Thomas at the University of Missouri in order to put together a clinic to serve as a resource for teachers to learn a therapist's techniques, and conflict and classroom management skills. She stated that this clinic would be very valuable since teachers often have to act as therapists.

Commissioner Miller reported that she attended the ribbon cutting for the renovation of the historic Rocheport Community Hall. She stated that she felt that the County Commission should hold a meeting there at some point. She stated that the event was well attended and the renovations were very nice.

Commissioner Miller reported that she was on hand to see Ozark Airlines bring in their new airplane. She stated that the plane was similar (in appearance) to the one previously used by Ozark Airlines. She submitted a packet for the public record that contained photographs of the plane.

Commissioner Miller reported that the current Human Resources Director Mark Stone would be leaving the County for another position and therefore the County would begin the candidate selection process for his replacement very soon. She requested that the Job Classification Committee as well as Wendy S. Noren, County Clerk be involved in that selection.

*Commissioner Stamper*

Commissioner Stamper reported that Mary Hussman, a local, community activist, expressed great concern over the County Commission’s decision not to immediately fund the Sheriff’s Department Psychiatric Care Plan. He stated that Mary Hussman would be holding a meeting in the Commission Chambers this coming Friday to discuss the matter. He stated that he would speak with her at some point to express the Commission interest and support of the program. He stated that he would also express the need to take a closer look at the issue and other programs that are out there, in order to give a fair evaluation (and come up with an adequate solution) for the problem.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she had also received a lot of feedback concerning the County Commission’s judgement in not immediately accepting and beginning a psychiatric program at the Jail.

Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Stamper stated that they received both negative and positive feedback on the issue.

*Commissioner Vogt*

Commissioner Vogt reported that she held a meeting this morning with Mertens Construction and the Riggs neighborhood. She stated that they were finally able to reach consensus on most of the terms. She stated that the only thing that they still needed to work on were the hours of operation. She stated that there would be another work session to discuss that condition, and then the Commission would announce all of the conditions for the Mertens CPU in an open meeting.

Commissioner Miller thanked Commissioner Vogt for all of her time and effort in trying to help both sides reach agreement on the conditions.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.

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