

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the February Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Centralia Office

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

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

Subject: Presentation by the Park Board of the city of Centralia

Steve Gordon, Michael Kincaid, Randy Myers, and Jim Enlow were present on behalf of this agenda item.

Steve Gordon stated that this project—renovation of the Centralia City park--started four years ago when the insurance company requested that the old playground equipment be taken out of the city park. He stated that the Park Board received numerous suggestions for the improvement of the park such as better lighting, new fencing, etc. He stated that the Parks Department cares for 65 acres and receives approximately 140 reservations a year from various school programs, daycare centers, etc that utilize the playgrounds and swimming pools. He stated that since the inception of the project, the Park Board has been able to improve the lighting of the ballpark. He stated that now the board would like to focus on the ballfields, playground area, etc.

Steve Gordon stated that the board decided to undertake the project all at once, rather than the piece-by-piece method, which is slow and could result in design changes over time. He stated that the Park Board received four proposals for the renovation, from which they selected the Playworld Systems proposal.

Steve Gordon stated that the total cost for the Playworld System would be approximately \$176,000 with a breakdown as follows: North Shelter-\$30,000, South Shelter-\$50,000, installation fee-\$18,400, kiddy cushion (padding beneath equipment)-\$4200-\$4900. He presented a video presentation of the Playworld System.

Steve Gordon elaborated on the proposed design and make-up of the tennis court and basketball court areas. He stated that the Park Board wanted to upgrade the tennis courts and replace the asphalt surface with a material known as novagrass. He stated that the estimated cost of improvement is \$39,377. He stated that the Park Board would also like to design a basketball court area specifically for smaller, younger children and improve the existing courts by building new goals that have concrete bases. He stated that the estimated cost of the basketball court improvements is \$34,560.

Steve Gordon stated that the Park Board has established the following priority list for the project: Playground equipment-top priority, Tennis Courts-second, and Basketball Courts-third.

Steve Gordon stated that a number of groups and organization such as Pepsi, Wal-Mart, State Farm Insurance, The Ladies Auxiliary, and local Fire Department would receive newsletters from the Park Board requesting donations for the project. He stated that presentations would also be made to the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club.

Commissioner Vogt asked how long the playground equipment would last.

Steve Gordon stated that the Playworld System equipment is built to last for fifty years.

Steve Gordon stated that once the project is complete the participation and utilization of the park (and all related equipment) would increase. He noted that many people from surrounding areas utilize the park for their functions and activities. He stated that the Park Board estimates that approximately 80,000 people will use the park when it is completed.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the County currently does not have funding available for this kind of project at this time. She noted however that it was her hope that by discussing this in an open, public forum, other contributors would come forward.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this is the kind of project that the County likes to invest in. He stated that the Healthcare ProfitShare funds should be used as a reinvestment in the community. He concurred with Commissioner Vogt's comment that the County does not have accessible capital or liquid funds in the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund at this time. He stated that the County would try to find other ways to aid this project. He stated that he read about some possible Missouri Department of Natural Resources funding that the Parks Board might want to pursue.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the County would support the project as much as possible.

The County Commission thanked the Park Board for the presentation.

A packet of information regarding the project (Playworld System and Tennis Courts) is available for the public record.

Subject: Consultant Services Agreements

Commissioner Stamper stated that these are the general agreements that the County has to establish in order to solicit consultant services on the various public works projects.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Consultant Services Agreements for the Public Works Department between Boone County and the following agencies:

- Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc.*
- Bucher, Willis & Ratliff Corporation*
- Horner & Shifrin, Inc.*
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.*
- Allstate Consultants, P. C.*
- Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw, Inc.*
- Brush and Associates, Inc.*
- Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc.*
- Harrington & Cortelyou, Inc.*

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 72-2000**

Subject: Approve Community/Social Service Agreement with Central MO Area Agency on Aging for home-delivered meal program

The County Commission agreed to table this item until Commissioner Vogt could investigate the matter further.

Subject: Request for Increase in Contract Consultant Authority (per memorandum from Public Works Director Frank Abart

The memorandum from Frank Abart stated that the County Commission authorized the Public Works Director in 1998 to obtain professional services up to the maximum amount provided for purchases by County policy and/or state statute. The maximum amount at that time was \$3000. The maximum amount has since risen to \$4500 due to legislative changes. The memorandum requested that the Public Works Director now be authorized to obtain professional services at the \$4500 level.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the Public Works Director to initiate professional agreements and authorize expenditures for those agreements up to a \$4500 level without County Commission approval.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 73-2000**

Subject: Public Works Activities Report

Commissioner Stamper presented the following public works report:

- Stormwater Update-Jim Davis, Dave Nichols to provide information at the next work session on March 6
- Request for boundaries has been put in (specific to the southern district)
- Heller Rd-Discussion was held concerning a letter from Mr. McAfee regarding a stormwater draining structure that had an open top which Mr. McAfee felt was a liability. The structure was found to be the city of Columbia's responsibility due to its location. Mr. McAfee's letter was forwarded to the city of Columbia. Frank Abart will also investigate whether or not County trucks have received permission to park on Mr. McAfee's property.
- Scott Blvd-There was contact from Mrs. Vickie Samuel, 6400 S Scott regarding the extension of the road onto Rte KK.
- Creasy Springs Rd-The road is in state of repair, staff is doing patch work
- Prairie Hills Subdivision-limited repair work by M. O. staff to begin soon
- MoDOT-An I-70 study discussion will be held with the representatives today at 3pm. There will be a private session with public officials before 3/4/00
- Boone Electric-Jimmy Davis retirement Wednesday, March 1 from 2pm to 4pm
- Sanderson Lane/Smiley Extension-There is agreement among most of the property owners on the extension. The details are being worked out
- RWIS (Regional Weather Information System)-One system is completed, two others are still in progress
- Hancock Refunds-June Pitchford recommends that the County "wait and see"
- Engineer position-The Mike Stalzer's engineer position is vacant. The position has been posted
- Consultants Report-There will be a short discussion on expectations, then County will give direction
- Grace Lane-The project is nearly complete
- Richland Rd-Feedback has been requested from Frank Abart

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper requested permission to work with the departments involved with the release of the bonds and issuance of new sureties for Lake of the Woods North. He stated that there was a \$65,000 bond given for water improvements which is waiting on city of Columbia approval. He stated that there is a \$20,000 bond for road improvements for which there is about \$7000 worth of work still outstanding. He stated that there is a \$15,000 bond for sewer improvements and those improvements are nearly completed. He stated that the developer has agreed to issue a \$10,000 bond to cover the balance of the work. He stated that he would like approval to release the road, water, and sewer bonds upon receipt of the \$10,000 bonds and paperwork.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the Planning and Building Inspection Department would specify the remaining work that needs to be complete.

Commissioner Stamper answered affirmatively. He stated that the Public Works Department would work w0ith the Planning and Building Inspection staff to identify the remaining improvements.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to accept a new bond, in the amount of \$10,000 on behalf of Lake of the Woods North once all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Planning and Building Inspection Department and authorize the release of bonds for \$65,000–water, \$20,000–road, and \$15,00–sewer improvement bonds upon receipt of the \$10,000 bond.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 73A-2000**

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt did not give reports.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller was absent.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner