

TERM OF COMMISSION: August 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 Michelle Malaby

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**SUBJECT: Reduce Speed Limit on Karin Court from 35 MPH to 25 MPH**

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone reduce the speed limit on Karin Court from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 460-96.**

**SUBJECT: Discuss Cost of Wilton Control Point Survey**

Commissioner Stamper reviewed the history of the item. Commissioner Stamper stated in a memorandum to the County Commission, County Counselor John Patton states he can find no statutory justification for spending public funds to monument control points within Wilton in order to settle boundary disputes. Mr. Patton noted the Department of Natural Resources, through the office of the State Land Surveyor, might be able to provide assistance. Commissioner Stamper recognized the presence of Wilton residents and invited them to comment.

Commissioner Miller stated she will contact the Department of Natural Resources Office of the State Land Surveyor to determine if there is someone Wilton residents can work with. She believes the County has done all it can do to resolve this matter.

A Wilton resident said there will be trouble if the land disputes are not resolved.

Commissioner Stamper stated all the County Commission can do is encourage residents to obey the law. The best solution will be one arrived at by the landowners involved.

A Wilton resident stated she cut down some tree limbs which were close to a survey marker. Her neighbor threw tires on top of the limbs, poured gasoline on them and set them on fire. The fire department said the act was arson. The Sheriff's Department would not do anything.

Commissioner Stamper stated residents need to discuss that with Sheriff Boehm.

The resident replied she has. It seems like someone will have to be killed or something will have to burn down in order for something to be done.

**SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report on July, 1996**

Treasurer Kay Murray reported on cash and investments and the reconciliation of the bank statement for the month of July, 1996. Ms. Murray also reviewed investments.

**SUBJECT: Installation of Statue in Government Center Fountain**

Ms. Murray reported funds will be requested in the 1997 budget for use in installing the sculpture in the Government Center fountain and to modify the fountain. The fountain will be silent. The water will flow inward. The sculpture is being donated to Boone County.

**SUBJECT: Contract with GTE for E-911 System Upgrade**

Joint Communications and Information Center Director Mike Sanford, E-911 Administrator Laura Estabrooks, and GTE representative Mike Wagner were present.

Commissioner Stamper stated Joint Communications presented a proposal to the county to upgrade the E-911 system software and hardware. The County Commission signed a notice of intent to proceed with the upgrade. Contract negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Patton reviewed the proposed contract and expressed concern with the cost of equipment which does not have to be purchased from GTE. If the expense is less than \$3,000, he suggests the county purchase the equipment from GTE. If the expense is greater than \$3,000, they must decide whether bids should be requested on the items. The upgrade will be funded with proceeds from the E-911 tax on telephone service.

Mr. Sanford stated Boone County was one of the first counties in Missouri to have an enhanced 911 system. With the enhanced system, the computer provides information concerning the origin of the telephone call: the number, the address and the name of the person who has the telephone listing. The system was a tremendous improvement in emergency service for Boone County. When the question of whether to have an E-911 tax was on the ballot, about 85 percent of voters voted in favor of it. The tax generates about \$140,000 per year. The current computer system is almost ten years old. It has been obsolete for years. Planning for the upgrade began in 1991. The initial cost of the upgrade is \$349,411.53. The initial monthly service cost will be \$327 less for the first year. The amount will increase by about \$800 per month for the seven years following.

Mr. Sanford stated the expense of the peripheral devices--switches, cable, and printers--for which bids could be requested, amounts to substantially more than \$3,000. The main computer equipment and software is proprietary. It must be obtained from the telephone company. Mr. Sanford stated even though the county might save some money, he would be reluctant to acquire the non-proprietary equipment from a source other than GTE. He has experience with bidding such items on other large computer projects. They probably saved a few dollars, but when the components were put together each vendor had the opportunity to point their finger at another vendor when something went wrong. If all the equipment is purchased from one vendor, there is only one person to blame.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Ms. Estabrooks confirmed the initial amount is for software and the network. The monthly amount is for service and trunk lines.

Mr. Sanford stated he has a handwritten breakdown of the upgrade costs. He will provide it to the commission in a cleaner form.

Ms. Estabrooks noted cost estimates are based on GTE providing and installing the equipment and software.

Commissioner Stamper stated based on rough calculations, GTE's price for equipment which could be provided by other vendors is about \$22,000.

Mr. Wagner stated installation charges are included for the cabling and other equipment. GTE representative Betty Reynolds presented this proposal a couple of years ago as a turn key project. At the commission's request, the proposal was split into on premises equipment that the county would purchase through a contract and a network. All components could have been included with the network, but tariffs would have applied. A discount has been applied to items. If bids are requested on the items, the county will find they are competitively priced.

Commissioner Stamper postponed the item to give Mr. Patton an opportunity to arrive at the meeting and participate in the discussion.

**SUBJECT: Juvenile Office Budget Revision: Advertising**

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the following budget revision:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
1241	60050	Equipment Service Contract	\$200	
1241	84300	Advertising		\$200

Explanation: Due to turnover in Juvenile Office employees.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 461-96.**

**SUBJECT: Approve Statement of Overplus from Sale of Delinquent Lands**

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone certify that the County Commission has examined the attached statement of overplus from the sale of delinquent lands held on the 26th of August, 1996 and does approve same.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 462-96.**

**SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners**

Commissioner Stamper reported on his meeting with Public Works Department representatives this morning. Commissioner Stamper stated he received a telephone call from a landowner on Nursery School Road who paused for ten seconds before turning off Route K onto Nursery School Road. The individual behind her yelled and gestured at her for doing so. The intersection is on Mr. Abart's proposed list of projects for 1997.

Commissioner Stamper reported he requested Mr. Abart review a complaint from a landowner on Roby Farm Road about drainage and the installation of driveways without culverts.

Commissioner Stamper reported there has been a significant reduction in road maintenance due to reassignment of crews to capital projects. He and Mr. Abart agree a delicate balance needs to be achieved between the two efforts.

Commissioner Stamper reported they discussed bid specifications for engineering services.

Commissioner Stamper reported they discussed a complaint that a penalty was charged on a neighborhood improvement district tax bill. The property owner did not receive a tax bill. It was an interest statement. The problem has been resolved.

Commissioner Stamper reported there are 783 centerline miles of roads in Boone County. There are 51 miles of road in the Centralia Special Road District.

Commissioner Stamper reported funds may be available from the Army Corps of Engineers for use in raising the level of Nashville Church Road.

Commissioner Stamper reported on future worksession topics.

Commissioner Stamper reported Stan Elmore has submitted his bill for engineering services for the Courthouse Plaza project during the month of June. The bill is for 77.5 hours or \$6,000.

Commissioner Stamper reported construction fences will be installed on the Courthouse Plaza next week. Construction will begin in the alley. It will be difficult to hold the Fall Festival on the Plaza due to lack of space. Fall festival organizers are working on alternate plans, such as using a parking lot for art displays and vendor booths.

Commissioner Stamper reported on receipt of a letter from GTE dated August 15, 1996 regarding their provision of long distance service.

Commissioner Stamper stated Steve Paulsell is to be congratulated for being designated Career Fire Chief of Year by Fire Chief Magazine. The ceremony was attended by about 1,000 people.

Commissioner Miller reported she made a presentation to the Sunrise Optimist club at 6:30 a.m. Her presentation was on the number of projects and assignments given to the Public Works Department that do not relate to the 50 In 5 Road Improvement Program.

Commissioner Vogt requested input on composition of plaques to be installed on MKT trail bridges.

Commissioner Vogt reported on the process of reclassifying employment positions. The commission probably needs to have a worksession with Human Resources Director Mark Stone to discuss the personnel subcommittee report.

Commissioner Stamper agreed, but stated the worksession needs to be scheduled soon because budget season is fast approaching.

The commission postponed discussion of the E-911 system upgrade until Tuesday.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.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