

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
Acting Presiding, District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
County Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:40a.m. by Commissioner Stamper.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they (the Commissioners) were late due to the rising river levels. He also stated that the CORE was going to adjust its estimates on river levels. He informed Major Warren Brewer that the estimate in Booneville would be adjusted to 30.8 which should keep that area out of flood stage.

SUBJECT: AMENDED PROPERTY TAX RATES

Commissioner Vogt stated that County Clerk Wendy S. Noren had stated that the rates for some areas might change.

Deputy County Clerk stated that the changes were in the rates for Hartsburg and Sturgeon.

Commissioner Stamper stated for the record that the Sturgeon amount on the document in front of him was 3.67: 2.82-Incidental School Fund, .85-Death Services, and .39-General Revenue. He also stated that the Hartsburg General Revenue was .40.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the certified order to adjust the tax rates with changes to Hartsburg and Sturgeon amounts.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 479-98**

Subject: Disposal of Fixed Assets-Rebecca Jackson

Beckie Jackson reported that there were a number of assets that needed to be disposed.

She further noted that there was a chair on the list that was noted as being in good condition. However, the chair was quite different from what was presently being used. Beckie Jackson stated that because of the chair's peculiarities, there would probably not be anyone that wanted to use it.

Commissioner Vogt moved to approve the disposal of Fixed Assets which have been identified as surplus items on the attached memorandum dated September 29, 1998 and authorize that these items be disposed of through the Kemper Auction.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 480-98**

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had a call from a teacher at Hickman High who had an interest in the computer surplus items that the County might be disposing.

Beckie Jackson stated that she would be happy to speak with the teacher. She further stated that the County's return on items sold in the Kemper Auction is not good.

Beckie Jackson also stated that she had received notification from a vendor who was also interested in purchasing some County surplus items.

Subject: Award Bids

(1) 45-26AUG98 Filter Belt and Term Supply

Beckie Jackson stated that these bid award would be a one year term and supply contract with the option for two additional 1 yr. contracts. She noted that this also reflected an attempt to assist the Facilities Maintenance department with implementing various term and supply contracts.

Commissioner Stamper moved to award Bid Number 45-26AUG98 as follows:

FOR	TO
SERVICES as outlined in SECTION 4.10	BRAUER SUPPLY COMPANY
SERVICES as outlined in SECTION 4.11	COLUMBIA WELDING AND MACHINE

Said bid is awarded per attached recommendation of the Purchasing Director. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the contract documents for said purchase.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order 481-98**

(2) 49-23SEP98 Lohmar Lane Bridge Removal

Beckie Jackson gave a report on this bid. She stated that the department recommended this award as the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a call from a member of the public questioning whether this company had met the bonding requirement.

Beckie Jackson stated that this was a low-dollar bid and according to State statutes Public Works is only required to request bonding documents when the bid is over 25,000. She stated that there was an Addendum issued that stated that if the low bid was over 25,000, bonding documents would be required. She did note however, that the companies are required to provide insurance certifications.

Commissioner Vogt stated that one bidder would take less time than the company that Boone County had received the bid award.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not think that was relevant.

Beckie Jackson stated that she did review the days of service and was told that there was not any urgency in this case. She felt that this was still the best bid award.

Commissioner Stamper asked for Frank Abart's comments on the number of days.

Frank Abart stated that they were just looking for a low bidder that could move quickly. He also noted that this project was not that urgent.

Commissioner Stamper moved to award Bid Number 49-23SEP98 as follows:

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 484-98**

Commissioner Miller asked Beckie Jackson if the County was ready to move the adoption of request for professional administrative services for the ABC Labs.

Beckie Jackson stated that she had received the waiver to allow the County to enter into a contractual agreement with REDI for the ABC Labs Community Development Block Grant. She stated that everything is in its place if the County would like to move approval pending Legal Counsel Review.

Commissioner Miller stated that she would like to move on that matter because she would like to see the project get moving.

Commissioner Miller moved to award a contract with Regional Economic Development Incorporated to administer the Community Development Block Grant for the ABC Labs contract pending Legal Counsel Review. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign any documents pertaining to said contract.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 484A-98**

Subject: Out of County housing for August

Major Warren Brewer gave a report on the need for a budget revision for out of county housing for the month of August.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the Columbia Police Department would do any more roundups and if this had anything to do with the increased amounts for out of county housing.

Major Brewer stated that he thought that you could point directly at that as being responsible for the most recent increase.

Commissioner Miller stated that it was reported that all the judges were out of town when the roundup occurred so that bonds could not be lowered.

Major Brewer stated that this was irrelevant due to the way that the warrants were executed. He stated that the warrants were a result of grand jury indictments so the first available law day for the people arrested to be brought before a judge was yesterday.

Commissioner Miller wanted to clarify why the first available law day was yesterday.

Major Brewer stated that since these were grand jury indictments warrants, they bypass all the preliminary hearings, initial arraignments, and all associate level. He stated that these were referred directly to the Circuit level judge. And he stated that the calendar determined what law day was available.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the request for a budget revision transferring \$44,300 from 1123-86800 Emergency Funds to 1255-71100 Outside Services to cover cost of out of county housing for August, 1998.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 485A-98**

Subject: Request to hire programmer

Dan McFarland came to request the authority to hire a programmer above the range of pay. He stated that he felt this individual could aid in the Y2K problem areas.

Mark Stone noted that the County advertised in a number of areas. There were nine applicants out of which this candidate was selected.

Commissioner Miller stated due to the Y2K projected problems, an individual who could aid with those problems had a lot of leeway in salary negotiation. Commissioner Miller also stated that there had been some difficulty in finding someone who had Cobalt experience.

She stated that along with Dan McFarland, she was very happy to find someone with the necessary experience to supervise Cobalt as well.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Director of Information Technology, Dan McFarland to hire James W. Petit, Jr. to fill the Programming Supervisor position at a salary that is higher than the base of the range.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Miller asked if this salary was consistent with the people in the department.

Dan McFarland stated that it was.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 485-98**

SUBJECT: VARIANCE REQUESTS

Frank Abart requested two minor variances which he was unable to have approved at the Road & Bridge Advisory Committee. He received permission to have them approved by the Commission.

Frank Abart stated that one variance had to do with the Spencer Hills Subdivision, plat 1. The other variance has to do with the St Charles Rd.

Frank Abart stated that the Public Works department supported this request.

Commissioner Vogt moved to authorize the Variance Requests for the Spencer Hills Subdivision Plat 1 and St. Charles Rd Project as outlined in the October 2, 1998 memorandum from the Director of Public Works.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 486-98**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper introduced Steve Goehl, Public Development Consultants and Tom Rattermann, Public Works. He stated that the EDG had been meeting and discussing strategy for the economic development opportunities of Southern Boone County. Commissioner Stamper stated one of the areas they were focusing on was sewer.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they had encouraged the EDG to look at the sewer problem as a regional issue rather than an Ashland issue. He stated that with the help of an engineering firm, DNR had come up with a way to help Ashland out of crisis state. He stated that Ashland had received a 3-5 yr growth window that could be accommodated on site.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the group also looked at the regional sewer capacity of the area in an attempt to find a way that would tie the Ashland area system into other areas in order to target growth and achieve sustainability. He stated that in coming up with a short term solution, the group had documented a report that could be taken to legislative staff and federal levels in order to request assistance.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Steve Goehl has a firm that assists small communities in applying for fund and the Public Development Consultants had found an EPA grant that could promulgate a 100,000-150,000 regional sewer plan for Southern Boone County.

Commissioner Stamper noted that part of the plan required a 20% match fund. He stated that there had been discussions about sharing the cost of the match between Boone County, the Regional Sewer District, and the City of Ashland in a partnership. He stated that the City of Ashland would be the applicant for the grant.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the group had discussed an 80 (Boone County)-10 (Regional Sewer District)-10 (City of Ashland) agreement for the costs of the match fund. Commissioner Stamper stated that in his discussions with Commissioner Miller, they had discovered that the warning sirens had come in under budget and that it might be possible to reallocate some Class 9 Funds without having to go any further into the Healthcare ProfitShare.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the purpose of Steve Goehl and Tom Rattermann's presence was to request approval of the agreement and Boone County's 80% of 20% match funds.

Commissioner Miller asked if there would be a not-to-exceed 25,000 clause.

Commissioner Miller stated that she was impressed with Ashland taking the lead and offering to finish the documents that would help Steve Goehl to apply for the grant. She stated that she saw this as a turn around in attitude and Ashland's ability to see the big picture. Commissioner Miller stated that she strongly supported the County backing the grant application.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she was in complete support of aiding Boone County in this way.

Tom Ratterman stated that there will have to be an agreement stating how the cost will be shared.

Steve Goehl clarified that if the application would be for 100,000, then the match fund would have to be 25,000. He stated that the application was a sustainable community grant application and the EPA liked partnerships between governmental entities or private sector not-for-profit.

Steve Goehl stated that the City of Ashland had already retained Allstate Consultants to look at their situation. He stated that the application had to be in by November 24th. He also noted that this was a very competitive process with only 5 million available nationwide.

Commissioner Miller asked if this was a 2-phased approach. There would be an application for a federal grant, but also continuing to work toward a state, representative grant.

Commissioner Stamper stated that in the future they were hoping for capital infrastructure dollars.

Steve Goehl stated that this would incorporate a land use plan, water shed plan, as well as sewer.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve Boone County's participation in an EPA Grant for Sustainable Development Planning and order that Legal Counsel draft an agreement to form a

partnership between the Boone County Commission, the City of Ashland, and the Boone County Regional Sewer District. It is further ordered that the aid of Steve Goehl, Vice President of Public Development Consultants and his firm be utilized for the application and administration of the Grant.

Pursuant to this order, Boone County does hereby agree to support 80% of 20% of the required matching funds.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 486A-98**

Commissioner Stamper discussed flood preparation. He stated that he was notified by the Core of Engineers that they were forecasting a 35' level in Jefferson City and also almost that high in Booneville. He stated that both of those levels would be over the MKT trail in Rocheport, Huntsdale, and McBaine.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the forecast levels would be revised according to the expected rainfall. He stated that there were three houses in Rocheport that would be exposed. He stated that he had discussions with the mayors of the affected communities to see how they wanted to handle the situation.

Commissioner Stamper expressed concern about the farmers that still had a lot of crop in the fields that might be jeopardized by flooding.

Commissioner Stamper stated that discussions were still in progress as to how this matter would be handled.

Commissioner Stamper gave a Public Works report on some of the out-source engineering projects. He stated that the projects address Hart Creek and Jimmerson Creek Roads. He noted that the City of Columbia would chip and seal Rolling Hills Rd and Boone County would address Sinclair Rd.

Commissioner Miller asked if Boone County would improve all of Sinclair Rd.

Commissioner Stamper said yes.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Centralia now wants to re-shift their grant funds due to a costly problem that has been discovered in one of their projects.

Commissioner Stamper also stated that Boone County was preparing a plaque of recognition for Boone Electric who has been outstanding in right-of-way work.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the JCIC committee met this week. He stated that they had established a JCIC user group (which Commissioner Stamper requested Dan McFarland be added to) and had discussed renovations which would result in about 300,000 additional funds.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there was a meeting last week involving the Sewer district. Present were Kay Murray-Treasurer, June Pitchford-Auditor, Jim Davis, Bob Alderson and Commissioner Stamper. The meeting was to discuss the fact that Boone County was the only county in the state that had been identified for special form of SURF financing to pay for the correction of specific on-site treatment systems. He stated that this allows the homeowner to borrow at low interest for up to twenty years averaging about 6,000 to repair and bring into compliance their on-site private waste treatment system.

Commissioner Stamper stated that if this program could be developed, the County would have a solution to give those homeowners in need.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner reported that she attended the Intergovernmental Commission. She stated that they discussed ways to make personal property taxes less cumbersome. She stated that there would be a committee appointed to look at some sample legislation for allowing the counties to take over the license plate offices because they already collect the taxes.

Commissioner Miller stated that there was a subcommittee consisting of Senator Childress, Randy Turley, Boone County Collector, was appointed to review the legislation.

Commissioner Vogt asked if Commissioner Miller was suggesting that County government support the space and activity of a license office.

Commissioner Miller said yes and they would also obtain the revenue of that activity.

Commissioner Vogt wanted to know if Commissioner Miller was sure that this would be a revenue office.

Commissioner Stamper stated in Boone County it would be.

Commissioner Miller stated that this matter could only be put on the ballot when there was a year of a change of governor.

Commissioner Miller stated that this matter would be brought back to their next meeting in January in order to make a resolution that would support sample legislation.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt gave no report.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25a.m.

Attest:

WENDY S. NOREN
Clerk of the County Commission

DON STAMPER
Presiding Commissioner

KAREN M. MILLER
District I Commissioner

LINDA VOGT
District II Commissioner