

TERM OF COMMISSION: January Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller  
Acting-Presiding Commissioner (District II) Linda Vogt  
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:35a.m. by Acting – Presiding Commissioner Linda Vogt.

**Subject: Recognition of Employee (s) of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

Commissioner Vogt stated that the Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 1998 was William Haws, an investigator in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

Commissioner Vogt read the statement of William Haws qualities into the public record. The statement read as follows:

“Bill is always respectful and good humored when dealing with the diversity of people he comes in contact with in the office and on the telephone. His level of expertise and dedication in his investigations provide tremendous assistance to the prosecutor’s office. Bill spends many extra hours in and out of the office without complaint. He always has a positive attitude, and brings humor into a high stress workplace. Bill represents his office with expertise and professionalism, and he is an asset to the prosecuting attorney’s office.”

Kevin Crane, Prosecuting Attorney stated that Bill Haws had worked for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office since 1993 and did a great job. He stated that he exercised a lot of determination in his job.

Angela Ayers, Chairperson of the Employee Recognition Committee presented William Haws with an award. Pat Lensmeyer presented William Haws with an acknowledgement of excellence pin.

Commissioner Vogt called the names of the other employees that were nominated for Employee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. All the nominees came forward to accept their awards and excellence pins. The following is a list of all employees that were nominated:

Angela Ayers	Sheriff’s Department
Susie Barr	Prosecutor’s Office
Greg Eddington	Public Works
Robert Foster	Public Works
Caryn Ginter	Treasurer’s Office
Daniel Knight	Prosecutor’s Office
Terry Knight	Public Works
Kenneth Kreigh	Sheriff’s Department
Roy Lindsey	Sheriff’s Department
Ora Lynn Ramsey	Planning and Building Inspection
Robert Schwartz	Facilities Maintenance
Dennis Thessen	Public Works
Kenneth Uchibori	Information Technology

Mark Stone, Director of Human Resources stated that Angela Ayers did a wonderful job on the Employee Recognition Committee. Commissioner Vogt and Commissioner Miller agreed with Mark Stone’s comments.

It was stated that all the nominees did a great job.

Ora Lynn Ramsey thanked the County for the opportunity to work for it. She stated that it had been a pleasant experience.

**Subject: Report on Hunger Survey-Peggy Kirkpatrick, Director of Central MO Food Bank**

Peggy Kirkpatrick thanked the Commission for the opportunity to come before them and speak. She stated that this information could be very relevant to policy-making and fund disbursement in the future.

Peggy Kirkpatrick stated that the Central MO Food Bank was a regional food network that acquired and distributed food to 122 hunger relief agencies in a 29-county service area. She stated that they distributed food to 37 agencies in Boone County alone. She stated that in the last four years there had been an alarming increase in the amount of food distributed to food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, low-income day care centers, programs, and rehabilitation facilities.

Peggy Kirkpatrick commented on a graph that illustrated the 79% increase in the amount of food distributed in Boone County in the last 4 years. She stated that in the 29-county service area, there was a 150% increase overall.

Peggy Kirkpatrick stated that the Central MO Food Bank in conjunction with the Division of Family Services (with the State USDA Commodities program) conducted a survey of 1000 people going into food pantries in the 29-county service area. She stated that 400 people in Boone County were surveyed. She stated that the survey was conducted for several reasons: (1) the alarming increase in the need for food, (2) there had been no record of whether people going from welfare to work or from welfare to other charities and (3) to determine the impact of welfare- to-work on the community and how to prepare for it. She stated that they also tried to answer the questions of who was hungry and why.

Peggy Kirkpatrick shared a profile of the people who are hungry in Boone County and why. She stated that in Boone County the predominant people going to food pantries in Boone County were female, Caucasian, ages 35-54, High school education or greater, single-parent household, 1-2 children in the household, and 72% have at least one child. She stated that most of these people were working, approximately 50% either full-time or part-time. She stated that 73% of the people employed made less than \$950 per month. She stated that most were working with no vacation benefits or sick leave. She stated that 50% of the people in Boone County pay more than \$200 in housing costs and 31% paid more than \$200 in utility costs.

Peggy Kirkpatrick further noted that 55% of these people did not own cars. She stated that viable transportation would be paramount to the self-sufficiency of the people who were transitioning from welfare to work.

Peggy Kirkpatrick stated that the survey also asked the question "would you grow your own produce if you were given your own resources?" She stated that 67% stated that they would and 71% stated that they often pay their bills instead of buying groceries. She stated that 55% often go hungry in order to feed their children. She stated that in general 72% responded that they do not have enough to eat.

Peggy Kirkpatrick also gave the Commission a report card of what the food bank was doing in each county and with each agency in those counties. She stated that in Boone County, the food bank distributed approximately 1.19 million pounds of food.

Peggy Kirkpatrick stated that she was present before the Commission to make them aware of the above facts and to challenge them to take a leadership role in getting everyone together to address these issues.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she and Peggy Kirkpatrick served on the FEMA Board together and that they were also working on a committee to identify a better way of spending the dollars (used for hunger relief). Commissioner Vogt stated that she believed that they could do a better job of addressing this issue.

Commissioner Miller stated that she was very surprised with the demographic statistics of the people that were using the food bank, in that they were working and did not have cars, etc. She stated that she was very glad that Peggy Kirkpatrick had presented this report to enlighten them on this subject. She stated that the image that people have of who uses the food pantry was very different from the reality of those who actually use the food pantry. Commissioner Miller stated that a better job could be done in getting all the leaders to collaborate in an effort to solve this problem.

The Commission thanked Peggy Kirkpatrick for her presentation.

**Subject: Call Hospital Trustee Election for April 6, 1999**

Commissioner Miller moved the following prepared order:

Now on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby call for an election to be held in said County on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1999, for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Said Commission hereby adopts the following Notice of Election and Sample Ballot for said election:

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the County of Boone, State of Missouri that the County Commission of said County has called for an election to be held on Tuesday, the sixth day of April, 1999, from and between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on said day for the purpose of electing one (1) member of the County Hospital Board of Trustees. The one trustee elected shall serve for a term of five years.

The ballot at said election shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
COUNTY OF BOONE, MISSOURI  
Tuesday, April 6, 1999

FOR HOSPITAL TRUSTEE:

(VOTE FOR 1)

OTTO TRACHSEL

GREG STEINHOFF

J. MARVIN BENNETT

EDDIE ADELSTEIN

The Commission further orders the election be conducted by the Clerk of said County pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 115 RSMo.

Done this 26th day of January, 1999.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 18-99**

**Subject: Extension of the completion date of the 1998 Boone County Health and Human Services Needs Assessment**

Commissioner Miller stated that she was not aware of the need for an extension.

Commissioner Vogt read the document aloud that stated that the date needed to be extended due to financial reasons.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the Contract Extension of the 1998 Boone County Health and Human Services Needs Assessment to June 30, 1999 and authorize the Acting-Presiding to sign it.

Commissioner Vogt pointed out that the document had a place for the Presiding Commissioner to sign.

Commissioner Miller revised her motion to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contract extension.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 19-99**

**Subject: Courthouse Grounds Approval for Columbia Public Schools, Partners In Education**

Commissioner Vogt moved to approve the Columbia Public Schools application for use of the Boone County Courthouse grounds on May 3, 1999 from 5:00-8:00pm for the Partners In Education Kick-off Celebration and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign said application.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 20-99**

**Subject: Change the Solid Waste Committee meeting date**

Commissioner Vogt stated that she wanted to change the prepared order to have the motion read that the Solid Waste Committee would meet at its discretion. She stated that the committee had found that they did not have a need to meet monthly.

Commissioner Vogt stated that the committee was formed to address granting cycles and solid waste issues for Boone County. She stated that the committee knew when they would need to meet and would do so accordingly.

Commissioner Vogt moved to allow the Solid Waste Committee to meet at their discretion.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 21-99**

**Subject: Appointment to the Small On-site Wastewater Board of Review**

Commissioner Miller moved to re-appoint David A. Bennett, P.E. to the Small On-site Wastewater Board of Review for a three-year term beginning January 12, 1999 and ending January 31, 2002.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 22-99**

**Subject: Accept resignations from the Boone County Mental Health Board and the Boone County Senior Board**

Commissioner Vogt stated that the resignation from the Boone County Mental Health Board was from Kim Harris. Commissioner Vogt stated that Kim Harris had served twice on this board, however she was a student and her schedule would not allow her to serve another term. Commissioner Vogt stated that Kim Harris was an excellent member on the board.

Commissioner Vogt moved to accept the resignation of Kim Harris from the Boone County Mental Health Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 23-99**

Commissioner Miller stated that the resignation from the Boone County Senior Board was from Mildred Knowles. She stated that Mildred Knowles had moved out of the county and therefore would no longer be able to serve the Centralia Township for the Senior Board.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the resignation of Mildred Knowles from the Boone County Senior Board.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that Mildred Knowles was also the mayor of Centralia and was missed greatly in Centralia as well.

The motion passed 2-0. **Order 24-99**

**Subject: United States Department of Interior Report on Fish and Wildlife Service**

Commissioner Vogt stated that the County had received a letter that the Topeka Shiner was an endangered species.

**Subject: State of MO Emergency Management Agency letter**

Commissioner Vogt read a letter stating that funds had been issued to Boone County for personnel and administrative claims for the months of July, August, and September.

### **Commissioner Reports**

*Commissioner Stamper*

Commissioner Stamper was absent.

*Commissioner Miller*

Commissioner Miller reported that she attended the Missouri Association of Council of Governments meeting. She stated that the meeting hosted that portion of the State of MO that was not covered by the Regional Planning Commission. She stated that the meeting was very informative. She stated that activation was needed in order to provide an outlet for the Rural Transportation planning for this area and for grant-writing. She stated that they had requested that the Commission pass a resolution consenting to the activation of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there was funding to go along with the reactivation of this commission.

Commissioner Miller stated that there was, and the funding would not be known until the entire group came together and determined how things would be charged. Commissioner Miller stated that there were a lot of State funds that would allow the process to get started.

Commissioner Vogt asked if there were any cities from Boone County present at the meeting.

Commissioner Miller stated that the city of Columbia was present. She stated that she was also arranging a mayors' meeting in order to have all of the cities involved and asked Commissioner Vogt if she would do the same in her area.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she would.

Commissioner Miller asked that this item be brought back at a later date to discuss when all three Commissioners were present.

*Commissioner Vogt*

Commissioner Vogt reported that she attended the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. She stated that they had appointed their two people for the Boone Retirement Center Board. She stated that she had an annual report given by Mike Short on the hospital. She stated that she would submit the report for the public record.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30a.m.

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