

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the May 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 Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

Subject: Acknowledgement of History Channel's Great Race 2001

Commissioner Stamper stated that Boone County had the privilege of hosting a lunch on Walnut Street and the Courthouse Square for the History Channel's Great Race for 2001. He stated that the event is a race across America, from Atlanta, Georgia to Pasadena, California. He noted that several hundred people attended the event, welcoming racers from across the United States. He further noted that the cars are timed on specific routes and intervals, with the winner of race winning by less than five seconds. He added that vintage vehicles from 1911 to 1955 were present at the event.

Subject: Authorize a Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a closed session on Friday, June 22, 2001 at 10:30am in Room 245 of the Government Center as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo. to discuss legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 281-2001**

Subject: First Reading of the Front Door Program Transfer Agreement

Phil Steinhaus, Manager of the Office of Community Services & Jim Silsby, Columbia Director of Development for the Boys and Girls Town of Missouri's Front Door program were present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he appreciated Mr. Steinhaus' timely response to his questions regarding the Emergency Housing Grant.

Phil Steinhaus stated that all governmental entities could apply for the grant, noting that the City of Columbia has been doing so for years. He stated that the City gets full-funding for the project.

Commissioner Miller asked if the County was eligible to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it would be redundant for the County to apply for the grant, since the City already receives funding.

Mr. Steinhaus stated that the city had received almost one million dollars, in the history of this grant, that have come under Emergency Housing funds. He noted that there are no administrative fees, adding that the funding goes directly to the agencies that provide the services. He further noted that the grant also provides funding for intervention and operations services, ten percent of staff salary, and client services. He added that the grant is a benefit to those organizations it provides funding for.

Mr. Steinhaus stated that the Office of Community Services requested that the Front Door Residential Program Contract be amended to transfer services to Boys Town of Missouri (Doing Business as Boys and Girls Town of Missouri). He stated that the Front Door Program contract is currently with Comprehensive Human Services. He noted that Comprehensive Human Services agreed to transfer the services to Boys and Girls Town in April, 2001.

Mr. Steinhaus stated that Comprehensive Human Services had trouble maintaining staff in the Boys Home, noting that it had been shut for up to six months. He stated that Comprehensive Human Services had developed a relationship with Boys and Girls Town, adding that many of the young adults from Boone County, in the program, needed a higher level of treatment. He noted that many of the children transferred back and forth between Boys and Girls Town and the Front Door Program. He noted that the transfer of these services, "seemed like a natural fit".

Mr. Steinhaus stated that, historically, with Comprehensive Human Services approximately thirty percent of the occupancy of the program had been children from Boone County, noting the other seventy percent were children from other counties. He stated that Boys and Girls Town predict that the ratio of children from Boone County receiving service will be much higher (approximately ninety percent).

Mr. Steinhaus stated that the Boone County Community Advisory Committee and the Columbia City Council have approved the transfer agreement. He stated that Boys and Girls Town created an advisory board, comprised of local citizens. He noted that local input will be considered with the program. He further noted that both homes have been completely remodeled and are operational.

Jim Silsby stated that his appreciation regarding the reception his organization has received from the City and Boone County. He stated that the program will be a benefit to the children of this community and the community as a whole. He noted that the Boys and Girls Town of Missouri brings fifty years of experience and expertise in treating children with severe disorders. He

further noted that he expects the County to be pleased with the outcome of their work.

Commissioner Miller stated that it behooves the County to keep shelters like this open in the community. She stated that the County needs to do whatever it takes to make programs like these continue to work. She noted her appreciation of Mr. Silsby's organization for offering their support in this matter.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record and requested that it be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

Subject: Public Works Department

David Mink, Public Works Director was present on behalf of these items.

A. First Reading for a Variance Request (Shalimar Gardens Block V)

David Mink stated that the Public Works Department had a request for a Variance Request from Allstate Consultants regarding the cul-de-sac in Shalimar Gardens, Block Five area. He stated that the subdivision was started under the subdivision regulations, as allowed by Appendix B, (allowing a forty-seven foot radius for a cul-de-sac). He noted that since that time, road standards have adopted a fifty-foot radius for a cul-de-sac. He further noted that Allstate appeared before the Road & Bridge Advisory Committee about the inconsistency, at which time the Committee unanimously approved the change.

Commissioner Miller stated that the change sounded logical.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and requested that it be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

B. The Closing of Zumwalt Bridge

Mr. Mink stated that the Public Works Department received a letter from MODoT yesterday, regarding Zumwalt Bridge. He stated that based on their inspection, the bridge needed to be closed. He noted that there were problem with three on the six approach beams (on the west approach- Boone County side). He further noted that Public Works proceeded to close the facility last night, in response to the report.

Mr. Mink stated that he had Public Works Staff check the bridge this morning, to determine what

it would take to re-open the bridge. He stated that a new bridge is planned to open in the area but noted that it is at least six months away from completion. He noted that the work could be done in-house with a three person crew, in about two days. He further noted that the material costs for the project would be less than a thousand dollars.

Mr. Mink stated inquired if the financial investment should be put into the bridge repairs, to allow the existing bridge to be opened for the duration of the project completion.

Commissioner Miller asked if the new bridge is being built next to the existing bridge.

Mr. Mink responded affirmatively, noting that the closed bridge will be left standing for the most of the construction process.

Commissioner Elkin stated the work on the bridge was on Boone County's side. He stated that the bridge benefits both Counties (Boone and Callaway). He asked if Callaway and Rodney & Company would participate in sharing the costs to keep the bridge open for six months.

Commissioner Miller stated that Callaway County might be willing to split to costs. She stated that Rodney and Company did not want to make a significant investment in a bridge that's going to be replaced.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the existing bridge will be taken out.

Mr. Mink stated that the bridge will be torn-down, as part of the contract agreement. He noted that the bridge under construction may take longer to build if it runs into the winter months.

Commissioner Elkin stated that for convenience purposes, the County should ask Rodney and Company's final decision on splitting the costs.

Commissioner Stamper stated his reluctance in placing five hundred dollars in a bridge that is going to be torn-down. He asked if the bridge was primarily used by Callaway County.

Mr. Mink stated that he did not know. He stated that another possible option is the County could ask Callaway County to split the costs (with Boone County performing the labor, and Callaway County furnishing the beams). He noted that the planks will probably not be reusable, on the running part of the bridge.

Commissioner Elkin asked what the vehicle count was on the road.

David Nichols, Public Works Department, stated that it was under fifty vehicles.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission did not have to decide today. She stated that the bridge is already closed. She noted that the Commission could contact Callaway County and inform them of the estimate of cost.

Commissioner Stamper stated that it was his preference to close the bridge. He stated that the traffic is principally Callaway County's traffic. He noted that the vehicles can be re-routed. He further noted that it may be inconvenient, but it would avoid placing a sizeable investment in a bridge that is going to be torn down in several months.

Commissioner Miller stated that she would like to visit with the Callaway County's Commission about the cost, noting that she wanted to know if the Commissioners also felt the bridge should be closed.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he met with several farmers yesterday, regarding Rangeline Road. He stated that the farmers requested that the County begin work on paving on the south-end of the road. He noted that the farmers will be hauling a significant amount of wheat on the North end of the road over the next several weeks. He further noted that he spoke with Greg Edington, Public Works Department, adding that was Public Works' intent.

Subject: Purchasing Department

Melinda Bobbitt, Purchasing Department Director was present on behalf of this matter.

A. First Reading of Amendment Number One (1) to Law Enforcement Term & Supply Contract

Melinda Bobbitt stated that Purchasing and the Sheriff's Department agreed upon not awarding Section 4.9 for Bulletproof vests on bid #20-02MAY01. She stated that both departments decided to re-evaluate their criterion and would be re-bid at a later date. She noted that due to an error in the Purchasing Department, item 4.9 was included in the contract to OMB Police Supply. She further noted that the Purchasing Department requests to amend the contract to delete section 4.9, adding that John Ralph of OMB Police Supply has verbally agreed to this amendment change per phone conversation on May 13, 2001.

Commissioner Miller stated that mistakes such as these occur.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record and requested that it be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

B. First Reading of Shop Parts Term & Supply Contract

Ms. Bobbitt stated that the original award for bid #33-24MAY00 was for a multi-vendor award. She stated that Missouri Fleet Parts of Columbia, Missouri was awarded sections 4.10, 4.12, and 4.15. She noted that since the time of the bid award, the Columbia location has closed, adding that the vendor has been servicing the County's contract from the Rolla Fleet Parts location. She

further noted that on May 7, 2001 the Purchasing Department received notification from TransCom, the parent company for Rolla Fleet Parts, that they had filed a Chapter 11.

Ms. Bobbitt stated that since such time that the contract has been serviced from Rolla, the Public Works Department has been experiencing slow turn around time on orders and insufficient quantities and types of batteries carried in stock. She stated that at this time, Purchasing and the Public Works Departments recommend that the County does not renew our contract with Missouri Fleet Parts.

Ms. Bobbitt stated that both departments recommended Section 4.15 be awarded and added as an amendment to the contract of the second low bidder, O'Reilly Auto Parts. She stated that a recommendation of sections 4.10 and 4.12 be awarded to Al Scheppers Motor Company for having the second lowest bid for these two sections.

Ms. Bobbitt noted that due to the problems with service, the County needs a local vendor for these bid items.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record and requested that it be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

C. First Reading to Award a Bid for a Single Axle Dump Truck

Ms. Bobbitt stated that on May 7, 2001 the Purchasing Department received a request from Public Works to issue a Bid for the furnishing and delivery of a single axle dump truck and equipment. She stated that bid was issued on May 11, 2001 and closed on May 30, 2001. She noted that four bids were received from Midway Truck Center, Al Scheppers Motor Company, Tom Boland Ford-Sterling, and Columbia Freightliner Sales.

Ms. Bobbitt stated that Purchasing and the Public Works Department recommend award of bid 21-31MAY01 to Al Scheppers Motor Company of Jefferson City, Missouri, for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum specifications. She stated that the both departments are requesting disposal of the following equipment as a trade-in option for this purchase:

1992 International 4900 Series Truck with Heil 10 foot dump body
(VIN# 1HTSDNUN6NH424679 Mileage 280,000)

1968 V-Box Material Spreader Schein Model 2420A 6 cubic yards (Serial # SC2471)

1994 Good Roads 10 foot hydraulic reversible Snow Plow (Serial #2094A Model 120M)

1994 Good Roads 10 foot hydraulic reversible Snow Plow (Serial #2094E Model 120M)

Ms. Bobbitt stated that the total cost of the contract to Al Scheppers with the trade-in option is \$92,375.00, and will be paid out of account 2040-92400. She stated that the total dollars

budgeted for this equipment were \$105,000.00.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item was slightly below budget.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record and requested that it be returned at the next Commission meeting for further discussion and final approval.

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Jail Visitor Report on June 6, 2001

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission office received a copy of the Jail Visitor report. He stated that the Board of Jail Visitors inspected the Reality House. He noted that the Board was favorably impressed with their visit. He further noted that the document had been submitted into the public record for review.

Letter from Boone Electric Cooperative

Commissioner Stamper stated that letter from Boone Electric Cooperative was received by the Commission office on February 5, 2001. He stated that the letter regarded the C.A.S.H. County Program. He noted that the balance on-hand is approximately \$70,000.00.

Liability Insurance Coverage of Vicious Dogs report

Commissioner Stamper stated that Director of Department of Health held a subcommittee meeting with a variety of persons, interested in the vicious dog issue. He stated that a concern was raised regarding whether individual citizens can have animals, determined as vicious, and meet the insurance liability insurance coverage requirement. He noted that the problem has been found all over the nation. He further noted that it is difficult to buy and find said coverage. He added that if a policy existed for this matter, it would have a long list of exemptions.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the subcommittee is continuing to evaluate the options, noting that he did not have a report on any final decisions made by the committee. He stated that hopefully the subcommittee would arrive at a decision soon, with a possible recommendation to the Commission in the near future.

Commissioner Miller stated that the front page of the morning paper reported another case of a vicious dog attack.

Commissioner Miller

Smart Growth Coalition/ Research & Technology Coordinating Committee report

Commissioner Miller stated that she attended the Smart Growth Coalition meeting this month.

She stated that a motion was introduced at the meeting in support of development fees, adding that the fees would purportedly “support the true cost of development outside of the urban core costs”. She further noted that the coalition’s rationale was “mind-boggling”, adding that the fees would cost up to \$30,000 a home.

Commissioner Miller stated that she also attended the Research and Technology Coordinating Committee, on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration. She stated that Sandra Rosenbloom, Professor at Arizona State on Planning, will be gathering information on how to evaluate the planned impact fees.

Commissioner Miller stated that she discussed the \$30,000 development fees with Ms. Rosenbloom at the Research and Technology Coordinating meeting. She stated that Ms. Rosenbloom informed her that there were only one or two places in the country that would come close to those types of figures.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had heard of fees ranging from \$5,000-\$8,000.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission should be prepared with the proper background and tools, adding that the Commission does not have this information currently. She stated that this type of knowledge will allow any decision made by the Commission’s to be defensible, in terms of how one would determine these types of costs. She noted that the only logical method to prepare for this issue would be to obtain research from other areas, and compare that research to this community. She further noted that she is trying to use every contact she knows that has a professional knowledge with this matter.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Commission has always considered legislation, allowing the County to have the authority for development fees.

Boone County Mental Health Board report

Commissioner Miller stated that the Mental Health Board of Trustees met this week. She stated that the Board had a presentation by the St. Louis director of the St. Louis Mental Health Board. She noted that St. Louis is one of the boards that has mill tax that the Board manages. She noted that the mill tax is a small part of the St. Louis Mental Health Board’s functions. She further noted that the Board uses their funding to match federal funds for programs. She noted that this tax brings a lot of money into the community. She further noted that the Board will begin managing all the caring communities’ mental health funds in St. Louis County.

Commissioner Miller stated that, in her opinion, this type of action shows that Boone County is not the only community that is struggling with Caring Communities problems. She noted that the this type of action could also suggest the type of direction the Boone County Mental Health Board of Trustee should take.

Commissioner Elkin

County Commissioners Association Quarterly Meeting report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he and Commissioner Miller had their West Central Commissioners Association quarterly meeting today. He stated that the meeting took place in Fulton, Missouri, at the Dollar General Warehouse. He noted the impressiveness of the facility, mentioning the size and the state-of-the-art technology housed within the building.

Commissioner Miller noted that she was also impressed with the facility. She further noted the capabilities of the warehouse (such as the plant's ability to store approximately \$100 million worth of product under one roof). She delivered a brief synopsis on how the facility works, and Dollar General's business focus.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Dollar General is an overproduction entity.

Commissioner Elkin stated that Dollar General opens-up approximately 600 stores a year.

Commissioner Miller stated that there were seven other similar facilities across the nation. She stated that there were two-hundred trucks going through the area daily, due to this facility.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Ashland had a chance to have the facility.

Commissioner Elkin stated that the management staff at the plant noted that the facility had an 80% annual turnover rate. He noted that at least half of the working force in the plant was women.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03pm

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner