

Adopt the Budget

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the November 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
County Auditor June Pitchford
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The meeting was called to order at 10:15a.m. by Commissioner Stamper.

Subject: Adopt the Budget FY 1999

Commissioner Stamper welcomed the budget officer.

June Pitchford stated that she had asked John Patton to take a look at the appropriation order. She stated that she had also attached a list of the changes that the County Commission wished to make to the proposed budget.

Commissioner Stamper asked June Pitchford to state what the County budget was for 1999 in gross numbers.

June Pitchford stated that the total budget for governmental funds excluding internal service and trustfund was 34.5 million. She stated that it would accomplish everything that needed to be done. She stated that all the budgets were balanced and it was not impairing any of the funds.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the budget would build any reserves.

June Pitchford stated that it would not. She stated that what the County was trying to achieve was maintenance of the appropriate level of reserves rather than stockpiling of the reserves. She stated that the Public Works fund balance was as low as it had ever been (one year low). She stated that they would be using some of the accumulated reserves in the general fund in order to address some of the capital needs in various departmental budgets. She noted however that the general fund remained very healthy.

June Pitchford stated that the most significant item on the list was the sewer project for Fairway Meadows East. She stated that it was nearly \$440,000. She stated that this was paid for by grant or sewer district funding (no impact on tax-payers, but does have an impact on the County because it is the fiscal agent).

June Pitchford stated that she was very pleased with the budget that the Commission was approving and also with the level of services that the County was able to continue providing its citizens.

Commissioner Miller asked if this was the smallest amount of changes that the County had ever made.

Commissioner Vogt stated she thought it was.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there was any public comment on the 1999 budget as submitted by the budget officer Boone County Auditor June Pitchford.

There was no public present.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she had requested (after attending an interview at KFRU) that this meeting be announced to the public.

Commissioner Stamper moved to adopt the Boone County Operating Budget for 1999 as drafted and submitted in that language. Adoption of this language is submitted by the Budget Officer for budget adoption.

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Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that she was glad that this could be adopted in December.

The motion passed 3-0. Order 589A-98

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had received a call from an officeholder about how to address Christmas Eve. He stated that the officeholder had wanted some written directive or guidance. He expressed to the officeholder what the policy of the County Commission Office would be and drafted a letter to that effect. He stated that he also expressed in the letter that the scheduling and office hours for Christmas Eve was up to the administrative authority.

Commissioner Stamper also stated that he had mentioned in the letter that any time off on that day would be taken as personal time or would not be paid.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would fax out that memo later that day.

Commissioner Vogt stated that it was interesting when these situations arrived and that the decision really was up to the administrative authority.

Commissioner Miller also stated that she had received an e-mail from Mr. Hargrove about the Commission continuing to work on the Health department budget. She stated that Mr. Hargrove needed guidance. She expressed to Mr. Hargrove that the Commission would be deciding responsibilities soon and that they were committed to trying to get the situation worked. She stated that he needed to be notified when the duties were assigned.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Commissioner Miller might want to have a discussion with Sheriff Ted Boehm. He stated that the Sheriff had been notified of the Health department's intent to cancel their services at the jail. Commissioner Stamper stated that the Sheriff had made a request for them not to do that. He stated that this relates to the contract as well.

Commissioner Miller stated that this should be an added discussion issue.

Commissioner Vogt reported that she met with the FEMA board. She stated that they received more money than last year. She stated that there was a discussion on (the development) of criteria for the distribution of funds. She stated that three or four of the members would meet to discuss this. She stated that Peggy Kirkpatrick was a new member.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45a.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