

TERM OF COMMISSION: September 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 Melanie Stapleton

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 9:30am.

Subject: Tax Rate Hearing

Wendy S. Noren stated that she prepared the figures for maximum property tax rates in August of this year. She stated that the figure she used for the General Revenue levy was 12¢. She stated that she later found out that County Auditor June Pitchford prepared the budget (proposed 2000) using a figure of 14¢. She stated that she recalculated and found that based on the County's assessed valuation that enough revenue would be produced from a 13¢ levy. She stated she and June Pitchford finally agreed on the 13¢. She stated that the Road & Bridge levy would be set at 5¢. She stated that these figures were still under the maximum levy.

Commissioner Miller asked what the maximum levy in general revenue is.

Wendy S. Noren stated that if this were the County's first year, with no carryover in surplus from the last year of non-levied property taxes, the County would be able to have a levy of up to 15¢ while still keeping the Road & Bridge levy around 5¢. She stated that between the two levies, the County could go up to 43¢.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any of significant levy changes.

Wendy S. Noren stated that there were quite a few significant changes throughout the County. She stated that the Daniel Boone Regional Library would have an increase in its general revenue and debt service levies. She stated that the Columbia Public Schools, as well as some of the other school districts, had voted to increase their levied. She stated that the City of Ashland got rid of their debt service levy.

Wendy S. Noren stated that depending on where a person lives (in Boone County), they could experience very significant increases.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she it was always interesting to know how much money each cent would generate.

Wendy S. Noren stated that each cent would generate about \$130,000 this year. She stated that other reasons for the 13¢ levy included out of County housing expenses and the (start-up) operation expenses for the Jail renovation.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she wanted to clarify something. She stated that the (up to) 15¢ levy was for General Revenue and the remainder of the 43¢ that the County could levy would be Road & Bridge.

Wendy S. Noren stated that this was correct. She also stated that the County was doing a voluntary reduction in the Road & Bridge levy.

Commissioner Vogt also noted that if an increase in the Road & Bridge levy occurred, that this funding would be dedicated to the Road Fund.

Commissioner Miller stated that the 1¢ increase does not cover much of the operating expense of the Jail.

Wendy S. Noren agreed that it did not. She stated that she believed that the reason that June Pitchford originally used the 14¢ in the budget was that the County was experiencing the same kind of lack of growth in its sales tax as the City of Columbia. She stated that neither (Columbia nor Boone County) were meeting sales tax projections. She stated that there has also been huge turnover in the County (employment) with longer than average vacancies in some positions. She stated that the percentage (spent) of the Personnel budget could be lower due to these vacancies.

Commissioner Stamper convened a public hearing on the tax rates as presented.

There was no one that wished to speak.

Commissioner Stamper closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Stamper moved to set the 1999 tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation as follows:

County of Boone		Total \$.30
General Revenue	\$.13	
Common Road and Bridge	\$.05	
Group Homes	\$.12	
County-wide Surtax on Subclass III Property		\$.61

Now be it further ordered that the County Commission, having received reports from the various political subdivisions, so sets their tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation as instructed for the year 1999:

State of Missouri		\$.03
Boone County Library District		\$.24
Special Business District		\$.43
Boone County Fire Protection District		Total \$.85
General Revenue	\$.60	
Dispatch Fund	\$.03	
Fire Bond	\$.22	
City of Columbia		Total \$.41
General Revenue	\$.23	
Debt Service	\$.18	
Columbia Regional Library		Total \$.65
General Revenue	\$.32	
Debt Service	\$.33	
City of Ashland		Total \$.30
General Revenue	\$.30	
City of Centralia		Total \$ 1.34
General Revenue	\$.67	
Parks & Recreation	\$.30	
Library	\$.30	
Library Bond	\$.09	
City of Hallsville		Total \$.97
General Revenue	\$.68	
Debt Service	\$.29	
Town of Harrisburg	General Revenue	\$.33
Village of Hartsburg	General Revenue	\$.40
City of Sturgeon	General Revenue	\$.39
City of Rocheport	General Revenue	\$.28
Columbia Public Schools		Total \$4.70
Incidental Fund		\$1.27
Teachers Fund		\$2.70
Debt Service		\$.73
Capital Projects		\$.00

Southern Boone County R-I Schools		Total \$4.66
Incidental Fund	\$3.23	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$1.30	
Capital Projects	\$.13	
Hallsville R-IV Schools		Total \$4.38
Incidental Fund	\$2.36	
Teachers Fund	\$.91	
Debt Service	\$.75	
Capital Projects	\$.36	
Sturgeon R-V Schools		Total \$3.60
Incidental Fund	\$2.75	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.85	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Centralia R-VI Schools		Total \$3.22
Incidental Fund	\$2.75	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.47	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Harrisburg R-VIII Schools		Total \$4.12
Incidental Fund	\$ 3.17	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.95	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
New Franklin R-I Schools		Total \$3.87
Incidental Fund	\$3.18	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.61	
Capital Projects	\$.08	
Fayette R-III Schools		Total \$3.89
Incidental Fund	\$3.50	
Teachers Fund	\$.00	
Debt Service	\$.39	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
North Callaway R-I Schools		Total \$3.31
Incidental Fund	\$1.66	
Teachers Fund	\$1.09	
Debt Service	\$.56	
Capital Projects	\$.00	
Southern Bo. Co. Fire Protect. District		Total \$.41
General Revenue	\$.22	
Dispatch	\$.03	
Debt Service	\$.16	
Callahan Watershed Subdistrict		\$.09

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 346-99**

Subject: Engineering Services Agreement with Allstate Consultants for Scott Blvd

Frank Abart stated this agreement is for the development of preliminary engineering designs and specifications for the portion of Scott Blvd located south of Rte KK.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve an Agreement with Allstate Consultants for engineering services on Scott Blvd in the contract amount of \$30,140 and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 347-99**

Subject: Agreement for Gans Rd Design Cost Supplement

Frank Abart stated that this was a cost supplement to the original agreement. He stated that last spring, the County initiated some design changes (design speed and other geometric features) with the consultant engineer in order to reduce the impact to adjacent landowners and utilities.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the request for additional design services from Engineering Surveys & Services for Gans Rd in the amount of \$9,494 as stated on the September 8, 1999 memorandum from the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 348-99**

Subject: Observation of the New Year's Holiday

Mark Stone stated that one of the agenda items discussed in the Personnel Advisory meeting was the day that the County would be recognizing the New Year's Holiday. He stated that Boone County planned to observe the holiday on Monday, January 3rd, while the State would observe the holiday on Friday, December 31st.

Mark Stone stated that because the State would be observing the holiday on that Friday, many court offices such as the Circuit Court, Circuit Clerk, and Prosecuting Attorney's Office would be required to be open on the following Monday. He also stated that the Assessor's Office and County Collector's Office would be open on Friday, December 31st regardless of the holiday. He stated, therefore that the Personnel Advisory Committee was recommending that the County observe the holiday on the same day as the State. He stated that in addition, the PAC was recommending that support (security, etc.) be provided to those offices that would have to remain open on Friday, December 31st.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the observation of the New Year's Holiday on Friday, December 31, 1999 consistent to the State's recognition of the holiday and further rescind the previous order establishing Monday, January 3rd as the date that Boone County would recognize the New Year's holiday.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 349-99**

Subject: County Building Security

Commissioner Stamper reported that a number of elected officials met with Ron Phillips and a group called ACC to discuss security issues in the various County buildings. He stated that they requested that Ron Phillips complete a review of the buildings. He stated that it was proposed that the Government Center have card readers on front and back doors which would shut down the security system for a brief period of time (enough for the person to get inside). He stated that

the security would have to be reactivated. He stated that there would be protective devices against burglars and a number of the offices would have individual security systems. He stated that there would also be devices placed in a number of the offices to immediately notify the alarm monitoring center in the event of an emergency during operating hours.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the budgetary impact would be between \$9,000-12,000. He stated that June Pitchford believed that the funding for this could come from the Emergency Fund as an unanticipated budgetary expenditure. He stated that he did not have specific documents regarding this as of yet, however Ron Phillips would be happy to discuss this further with the County Commission.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this would cause a significant change in the culture of the Government Center given that people come and go rather freely under the current security system. He stated that measures would have to be taken, once the new system is in place, to ensure that the alarm was not set off or the police notified by accident.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he and Purchasing Director Beckie Jackson have more work to do as far as the purchasing and contractual aspect of the security installation is concerned. He stated that he believed that those issues could be resolved however, and that he could return to the Commission with a final recommendation.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the security proposal addressed the Government Center, Johnson Building, the Public Works building, and the office space that the County anticipates leasing in the Guitar Building. He stated that the Courthouse already has a form of security similar to this one.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he would take the approval of the other County Commissioners as an acknowledgement to proceed and would return to the County Commission with a final proposal.

Subject: Retirement Reception Policy

Mark Stone stated that the Personnel Advisory Committee is recommending that the County adopt a Retirement Reception Policy. He stated that the goal is to recognize those employees retiring from County government with a reception (no more than \$50 per reception). He stated an average of three, County employees per year had retired over the past three years. He stated that it would be required that the employee retiring be vested in the County retirement plan.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there was sufficient funding in the Human Resources budget this year to adopt the policy.

Mark Stone stated that there was.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the Retirement Reception Policy as presented by the Human Resources Director.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 350-99**

Subject: Award bid 29-04AUG99 Microfilm Reader/Printer

Beckie Jackson presented the recommendation for the 29-04AUG99 Microfilm Reader/Printer. She stated that neither of the two vendors that submitted bids, truly met the minimum qualifications. However she stated that the Purchasing Department determined that the variances in the specifications were minor in nature and that the equipment offered by both vendors would

meet the needs of the County. She stated that they were recommending award to Dynamic Computer Solutions Inc. as having presented the lowest and best bid.

Beckie Jackson stated that a budget amendment for this award had been presented to and approved by the County Commission.

Commissioner Vogt moved to award bid 29-04AUG99 as follows:

FOR	TO
Microfilm Reader Printer	Dynamic Computer Solutions, Inc.

Said bid is awarded per the attached recommendation of the Purchasing Department. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 351-99**

Subject: Correction of bid award 34-11AUG99 Light Bulb Ballast Term and Supply

Beckie Jackson stated that she was requesting that the County Commission rescind Commission order 317-99 awarding bid 34-11AUG99 to Archway Lighting Supply, Inc. She stated that the day after the bid award, she received a call from one of the vendors who requested a copy of the tabulation. She stated that it was noted that the total for 4.11 was incorrect. She stated that the correction of this error results in a difference lowest and best bid award. She stated that the agreement with Archway Lighting Supply, Inc. were halted before completion, therefore the County had not already obligated itself to that vendor. She stated that she would return the voided agreement to the County Clerks office to be placed behind the rescinded order.

Beckie Jackson stated that 34-11AUG99 should now be awarded to Voss Lighting of Kansas City, MO. She submitted a revised copy of the bid tabulation.

Commissioner Vogt moved to rescind Commission Order 317-99 awarding bid 34-11AUG99 to Archway to Lighting Supply, Inc. And further order that bid 34-11AUG99 be awarded as follows:

FOR	TO
Light Bulb Ballast Term and Supply	Voss Lighting of Kansas City

Said bid is awarded per the attached recommendation of the Purchasing Department. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 352-99**

Subject: Vehicle Disposal

Beckie Jackson stated that this was a request for the disposal of two vehicles (1995 Ford Crown Victoria and 1997 Ford Crown Victoria) from the Sheriff's Department through the Kirksville Auto Auction.

Commissioner Vogt moved to authorize the disposal of a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1995 Ford Crown Victoria through the Kirksville Auto Auction with Cornell Motors serving as the County representative as stated on the September 7, 1999 memorandum from the Purchasing Director.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 353-99**

Subject: Accept Funding for the VOCA Grant

Bonnie Adkins could not be present for this item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Prosecuting Attorney's Office forward an Application for 1999/2000 VOCA funds (to the County Commission for review) for continuation of the grant. He stated that he needed to be authorized to sign the document.

Commissioner Stamper moved to accept funding in the amount of \$53,363.28 from the Victim's of Crime ACT grant through the Department of Public Safety (VOCA). The Federal share is \$42,690.60 and the local match is \$10,672.68. And further authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the application.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 354-99**

Subject: Accept a Resignation from the Boone County Mental Health Board

Commissioner Miller stated that Bob Fry is moving to Millersburg, and therefore had to resign from this position on the Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Miller moved to accept the resignation of Robert W. Fry from the Boone County Mental Health Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Vogt stated that Robert Fry was a very hardworking member of the board when she served as its liaison.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 355-99**

Subject: Courthouse Grounds use for the Sustain the Veto Campaign sponsored by Planned Parenthood

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse grounds by Planned Parenthood for the Sustain the Veto Campaign on September 10, 1999 from 10:30-11:30am.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Stamper explained that the Commission has the authority to sign these requests (if a meeting will not be held prior to the use period) and ratify that request during later during a formal meeting.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 357-99**

Subject: Courthouse Grounds use for the Columbia Church of Christ

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds by the Columbia Church of Christ for a church worship service on September 12, 1999 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 356-99**

Subject: First reading of a budget amendment for road weather information station in Boone County and Harrisburg Revenue Sharing Funds

Commissioner Stamper read a budget amendment into the public record as follows:

AMOUNT	(increasing) ACCOUNT
\$53,000	2045-71100 Outside Services
\$165,000	2049-71450 Special Grant Expense Harrisburg
\$218,000	2080-83922 Operating Transfer Out from R & B Tax Sales Fund
\$218-000	2049-03917 Operating Transfer In from R & B Fund

Subject: First reading of Budget amendment for State Reimbursement Grant Program (regarding Child Advocacy Center)

Commissioner Stamper read a budget amendment into the public record as follows:

AMOUNT	(decreasing) ACCOUNT	(increasing) ACCOUNT
\$84,219	1420-03451 State Reimbursement Grant/Program	
\$84,219	1420-84200 Other Contracts	
\$249,323		1420-03451 State Grant Reimbursement Grant Program
\$249,323		1420-84200 Other Contracts

Commissioner Stamper stated that both of these budget amendments would be placed on the agenda for a public hearing after their required ten-day waiting period.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Commissioner Stamper stated that Wendy S. Noren would be hosting the annual conference of the Missouri County Clerks. He invited the other County Commissioners to join the County Clerks in their activities.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there was a group called CEMO Cares that is working a mission to bring dental care to the rural community. He told Commissioner Vogt that she might want get in touch with the contact person of this group to discuss their mutual concerns about dental care for those who do not have benefits.

Commissioner Miller stated that Deb Bryer, Boone County Council on Aging is also working with CEMO Cares to try to get dental care for the elderly.

Commissioner Stamper stated that they received a request to expedite construction of the temporary facility (on the 3rd floor) for the mailroom. He stated that they received the new mail machine this past week. He stated that the bid was out for the construction work and would be awarded soon.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there was a request from Mail Services for full-time use of the truck in the County fleet. He stated that it seems a little unreasonable to assign two full-time vehicles to Mail Services.

Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Vogt agreed with Commissioner Stamper.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Chuck Nichols, Facilities Maintenance Director is requesting approval to convert one of his clerical positions to a part-time temporary position. He stated that June Pitchford has had some concerns about under-filled hours in this department specifically as it relates to new FTE requests in the 2000 budget. He stated that the other County Commissioners might want to discuss this with Chuck Nichols in the upcoming Facilities Maintenance meeting.

Commissioner Vogt stated that Beckie Jackson (in a 3-C meeting) had discussed the difficulty of Purchasing, Human Resources, and Facilities Maintenance departments dealing with their respective receptive aspects, especially if a member of their staff is absent. She stated that they discussed the possibility of a unified reception area in the Johnson Building to deal with this issue. She stated that she wanted to bring this idea up for the County Commission's consideration for the future.

Commissioner Vogt

Commissioner Vogt reported that the Hospital Board of Trustees met at 2:30pm to discuss a couple of Hospital Improvement projects. She stated that Arlin Doorman attended the regular board meeting at 4:30pm to discuss funding mechanisms for those improvements. She stated that he presented some interesting options.

Commissioner Miller

Commissioner Miller stated that there was a ribbon cutting for the Salt Storage Building last Friday. She stated that the Public Works hosted a very nice ceremony. She stated (at the ceremony) that she was very pleased to have a Public Works Director (Frank Abart) who allowed his committee to direct what is needed (by the people that use the facility on a daily basis). She stated that she also asked Frank Abart to put together a packet of information to submit to MAC for an award that they give for innovative and new projects in County government.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Boone County Council on Aging met on Friday at the Senior Center. She stated that the Senior Board also held their meeting at the Senior Center. She stated that the food was very good. She stated that both of those groups met to monitor the new Senior Meals program.

Commissioner Miller reported that the Mental Health Board met last night to finalize the program wherein Dr. Hussein would give a talk titled "Teachers as Therapists" to the different school districts. She stated that the program would be held in the Government Center on October 13, 1999.

Commissioner Miller stated that she attended the Chamber of Commerce breakfast this morning. She stated that they announced the can construction project for the food bank, which would be put in place on November 6th. She stated that Trabue, Hansen & Hinshaw won the national award for best design. She stated that Thom Baker produced a very entertaining movie with Kevin Crane playing an inspector investigating Moresource.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner