

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the August Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson 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 Shawna Victor

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Subject: Boone Hospital Center – Discussion of Community Partnership

Mike Shirk, Chairman of Community Partnership, and Michael Bloemke, Executive Director of Community Partnership, were present on behalf of this item.

Mike Shirk stated there will be a meeting on September 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The State of Missouri has drastically reduced funding for Community Partnerships throughout the State. The Columbia/Boone County Partnership was no exception to the cut back.

The F.A.C.T. (Family and Community Trust) Board, which is similar to a governing board, for The Community Partnership has asked each Partnership to reduce their budget in line with the State reductions and to become more facilitators than funders and facilitators. In the past, The Community Partnership had money and several people would come to the board for funding. With these new cutbacks, there is no funding. The State, the F.A.C.T. Board, the Department of Social Services has requested The Community Partnership to concentrate on facilitating a meeting that would lead to a community wide agenda. When they mean community wide, they mean the community of Columbia/Boone County. This is what The Community Partnership will do at their first meeting under this new mandate and reduced budget, to have a community wide meeting with all agencies. They have also requested the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the County Commission and other elected officials to attend this meeting.

Mike Bloemke stated The Community Partnership, beginning with the meeting on September 24, convene a large meeting to identify priority outcomes of the community. Out of these meetings, there is a hope to find people who are committed to continuing to work toward to developing an answer. They have already worked with groups and organizations that have already identified their own priorities. Pulling this information together to have as a part of the overall agenda, categorize the information and identify teams of organizations and agencies that are willing to do work to figure out which goals need to be achieved and how those goals should be achieved.

They believe there are a lot of resources in the community but there will never be enough to accomplish all the goals set forth. By getting all the right partners together working on specific issues, progress should be made toward using resources better and making progress on a small number of identified priorities. The focus has been on neighborhood type issues over the last five years. They will try to link that work with broader community issues. They hope to move from this meeting to doing work with other communities in the county. Mr. Bloemke noted there has already been work done in Centralia. He requested support from the Commission and information on other communities that might be ready to help. The Partnership knows the priorities in some of the outlying communities may not be the same as Columbia. He hopes there will be a good turnout at the meeting with direction on where to go in the next several months. Any support The Community Partnership can receive from the Commission will be appreciated.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the support would come in the form of suggestion or in the form of financing. Mr. Shirk stated they are not present for a monetary endorsement but for the Commission's endorsement of the new direction of the Community Partnership. He does not believe the Partnership will come back to the Commission asking for money but this does not mean some of the communities will not.

Commissioner Miller stated she believes if the Caring Communities had begun with this type of project before any funding was received, they would have been light years ahead. She believes this is right move to define what the communities needs are, what resources there are to serve those needs, and where the focus needs to be to receive more funding. She thanked Mr. Shirk and Mr. Bloemke for coming to the Commission.

Commissioner Stamper stated some of the communities in Boone County are a bit more organized and focused than others. Ashland has a very active Chamber group. Commissioner Miller noted they are working on youth drug issues that they could probably use some support on.

Commissioner Stamper stated the City of Hallsville has a few civic groups also. The Commission could provide some contract names. To look at this issue from a county-wide perspective is a good idea. Mr. Shirk stated that is Community Partnership's commitment.

There was no further discussion on this issue.

The Commission thanked Mr. Shirk and Mr. Bloemke for coming to the meeting .

Subject: Tax Rate Hearing

Wendy S. Noren, Boone County Clerk, was present on behalf of this item.

Wendy Noren stated the Group Homes levy, which is a voted levy and the Commission has no control over, tax rate ceiling was increases by 0.0005.

There was slow growth this year in the County's assessed valuation, which increased by 2.2%, primarily because of reductions in personal property. Many of the large personal property taxpayers have experienced over the last two years significant reductions because they are not replacing their inventory. Some of the larger companies who maintain a lot of equipment have not been upgrading their inventory. Because of this, the County has not seen growth in that area like the growth during the 1990's.

There are two County controlled levies; General Revenue and Road and Bridge. The Road and Bridge is set at \$0.05 in agreement with the County's sales tax. There is also a mandatory sales tax role back. The County has also been voluntarily keeping the property tax rate the same. Overall, the property tax roll backs, because of sales tax collections, is a little over \$0.25. Without sales tax and the Commission voluntarily keeping the rates lower, there could be almost a \$0.26 increase in property taxes for people in the County.

The majority of the Commission deals with rates submitted by the other taxing entities in the County. Ms. Noren noted this is the order used to extend the tax books for use by the Clerk and the Collector for tax season.

Commissioner Stamper opened the floor for a public hearing.

There was no one wishing to speak.

Commissioner Stamper closed the floor for a public hearing.

Ms. Noren noted the County-wide levies for 2001; General Revenue was \$0.13, Road and Bridge was \$0.05, and Group Homes was \$0.1189. This year the proposed order has General Revenue as \$0.13, Road and Bridge as \$0.05, and Group Homes as \$0.1194.

Commissioner Stamper asked if Ashland raised their tax rates. Mr. Noren stated Ashland increased their debt service levy, which is \$0.44 and was \$0.2156. For Ashland, the net overall will not be quite that high because the Southern Boone County Fire Protection District did decrease their debt service levy. They have been paying off some of their bonds and the levy dropped almost \$0.11. This will mitigate some of the increase that the City of Ashland residents will see.

The majority of the levies stayed close to last years rates but the only major increase was Centralia School, which was voted on in the April election. The increase is from \$3.22 in 2001 to \$3.56 for 2002.

Commissioner Miller moved to set the 2002 tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for county purposes as follows:

County of Boone	Total	\$.2994
General Revenue	\$.1300	
Common Road and Bridge	\$.0500	
Group Homes	\$.1194	
County-wide Surtax on Subclass III Property		
\$.6100		

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 2002:

State of Missouri		\$.0300
Boone County Library District		\$.3200
Special Business District		\$.4300
Boone County Fire Protection District	Total	\$.8495
General Revenue	\$.6000	
Dispatch Fund	\$.0295	
Fire Bond	\$.2200	
City of Columbia	Total	\$.4100
General Revenue	\$.4100	
Columbia Regional Library	Total	\$.6391
General Revenue	\$.3141	
Debt Service	\$.3250	
City of Ashland	Total	\$.7306
General Revenue	\$.2906	
Debt Service	\$.4400	
City of Centralia	Total	\$.9579
General Revenue	\$.6616	
Parks & Recreation	\$.2963	
Centralia Library District	Total	\$.3854
Library	\$.2954	
Library Bond	\$.0900	
City of Hallsville	Total	\$.9447
General Revenue	\$.6547	
Debt Service	\$.2900	
Town of Harrisburg	General Revenue	\$.3284
Village of Hartsburg	General Revenue	\$.4114
City of Sturgeon	General Revenue	\$.4900
City of Rocheport	General Revenue	\$.2974
Columbia Public Schools	Total	\$4.7544
Incidental Fund	\$1.3844	
Teachers Fund	\$2.5581	
Debt Service	\$.8019	

Capital Projects	\$.0100	
Southern Boone County R-I Schools	Total	\$4.5963
Incidental Fund	\$3.2363	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$1.2800	
Capital Projects	\$.0800	
Hallsville R-IV Schools	Total	\$4.1200
Incidental Fund	\$3.2003	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.7597	
Capital Projects	\$.1600	
Sturgeon R-V Schools	Total	\$4.0200
Incidental Fund	\$2.7500	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$1.2700	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
Centralia R-VI Schools	Total	\$3.5611
Incidental Fund	\$3.0911	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.4700	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
Harrisburg R-VIII Schools	Total	\$4.3313
Incidental Fund	\$ 3.1813	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$ 1.1500	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
New Franklin R-I Schools	Total	\$3.8700
Incidental Fund	\$3.2900	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.5400	
Capital Projects	\$.0400	
Fayette R-III Schools	Total	\$4.1223
Incidental Fund	\$3.4723	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.6500	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
North Callaway R-I Schools	Total	\$3.3100
Incidental Fund	\$1.6600	
Teachers Fund	\$1.0900	
Debt Service	\$.5600	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
Southern Bo. Co. Fire Protect. District	Total	\$.3082
General Revenue	\$.2274	
Dispatch	\$.0300	

Debt Service	\$.0508	
Callahan Watershed Subdistrict		\$.0900

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there was a period of time when the entities could change their mind. Ms. Noren stated it is not so much as changing their mind, it is if there is some alteration to their tax rate ceiling by the State Auditor's Office. Particularly in a year of reassessment, paper work is going back and forth. It does not appear that there will be any, although she did receive a notice the Auditor wanted some information on prior years for the Columbia School Districts. She is submitting this information to the State Auditor. She believes the balance has received certification at this point.

There was no further discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 396-2002**

Subject: Sheriff's Department

A. Authorize Presiding Commissioner to sign the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement between the Boone County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Department of Justice, and U.S. Department of Treasury

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize Presiding Commissioner to sign the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement between the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Treasury.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 397-2002**

B. Authorize Presiding Commissioner to sign DOVE Grant Application

Detective Rene Atkins was present on behalf of this item.

Detective Atkins stated this is an application for the DOVE Grant. This will be the fifth year the Department has submitted this grant application.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

C. Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Authorize Presiding Commissioner to Sign DOVE Grant Application

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the request by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to apply for the STOP Violence Against Women Grant.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 398-2002**

Subject: Purchasing Department – First Reading of Bid 54-03SEP02 (Pavement Markings)

Marlene Ridgeway, Purchasing Department Buyer was present on behalf of this item.

Marlene Ridgeway stated she and the Public Works Department have reviewed the responses received and recommend awarding to K.W. Luetkemeyer Painting and Wallcovering Co., Inc. for having the lowest and best bid meeting our specifications. Total cost of the contract is \$18,445.00 to be paid from organization 2040 account 71100.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this was a cooperative bid with the State because there are some State Roads on the Bid Tabulation. Mrs. Ridgeway stated she believes the reason for the State Highways is for the start/stop point of markings for the County roads.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

Mrs. Ridgeway introduced Carly Yates, who is the Office Specialist in the Purchasing Department.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Notice of Two Small Project Payments

Commissioner Stamper stated the County has received two payments from FEMA for on-going support. These payments have been forwarded to the Public Works Department. The payments are \$12,885.63 and \$39,790.71.

Commissioner Miller

None to report at this time.

Commissioner Elkin

None to report at this time.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner