

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Keith Schnarre
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Commissioner Schnarre welcomed 4-H members to the meeting. The members are touring the County for Good Government Day.

Alice Harvard, Raye Lynn Allen, Joanne Cowan, Philip Van Hove, Caleb Rouse, Megan Cunningham, Rashall Westhoeller, Katie Griffith, Marijane Williams, Andreyra Evans, Amanda Chrisman, Andrea Bradshaw, Amy Lamm, Kyle Burns, Matthew Hawkins, David Nagel, Andrea Lundgren, Samantha Dives, Courtney Roberts, Crystal Rhine, and Lisa Glass, representing local 4-H clubs, were present at the meeting.

Subject: Purchasing Department

Marlene Ridgway, Purchasing Department Buyer, was present on behalf of these items.

A. Open Bid 32-13MAY03 (Courthouse Tile Remediation)

			Carpet One Columbia	Dave Griggs Flooring America
	Base Bid Amount		\$ 48,833.00	\$ 172,000.00
	Description	Unit of Measure		
Section 1				
Item 1	Remove and Replace addition ceramic floor tile (Mon-Fri)	SF	\$ 20.13	All in Above
Item 2	Remove and Replace addition ceramic floor tile (Fri after 4pm Sat and Sun)	SF	\$ 22.83	All in Above
Item 3	Install ceramic tile grout sealer not included in Base Bid	SF	\$ 0.44	\$ 4.00

Section IA				
Alternate 1	Furnish and Install tile grout sealer not included in Base Bid		\$ 4,046.00	\$ 20,000.00
Submittals	Bidders Qualifications		Yes	Yes
	Addendum One		Yes	No
	Bid Bond		Yes	No

There was discussion about the price per square foot and the price being the same for 100 sq ft or 1,000 sq ft.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre noted the proposals received will be forwarded to the department for review and brought back to the Commission at a later date with a recommendation for award.

B. First Reading of Bid 29-22APR03 (Microfilmer)

Marlene Ridgway stated she and the Circuit Clerk's Office have reviewed the responses and recommend the following. They recommend rejecting the bid from Tipton Systems for the reason that they bid a refurbished machine while this purchase is for new equipment. They further recommend award to Imaging Solutions for the base bid and the two alternates for a contract amount of \$29,304.70. The contractor understands that this purchase will be made cooperatively with the State of Missouri paying \$13,000 and Boone County paying \$16,304.70. This award is contingent on approval of a budget revision.

The budget revision is for \$16,305 to be transferred between funds to pay for the unexpected need to purchase the microfilmer.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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.

C. First Reading of Bid 34-05MAY03 (2003 Box Culvert Projects)

Marlene Ridgway stated she and the Public Works Department have reviewed the responses received for the above referenced bid. They recommend awarding to C. L. Richardson Construction Company for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum requirements. The bid amount is \$130,690.38 with a contingency amount of \$13,309.62 to make a total contract award amount of \$144,000.00. The amount budgeted

for this project was \$160,000. This is to be paid from organization 2045 account 71100.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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.

Subject: First Reading of Boone County/City of Columbia Emergency Operation Plan – Basic Plan and Annex A – Direction and Control

Jim McNabb, Director of Emergency Management and Joint Communications, was present on behalf of this item.

Jim McNabb stated this plan is in accordance with the regulations that were adopted by the Commission on May 1, 2003. The regulations brought the County into compliance with Missouri State Statues, Chapter 44. These regulations established the structure and organization of emergency management operations in Boone County.

The Basic Plan outlines the foundation for fundamentals for emergency operation procedures within Columbia and Boone County. Annex A specifically relates to the direction and control of the Basic Plan, which assigns specific roles and duties to various departments within the County government structure.

Commissioner Schnarre noted this has been in the works for a while now.

Commissioner Miller noted there is no mayor for McBaine in the Basic Plan. Marvin Sapp is the mayor. Mr. McNabb stated any of the communities that are listed can be amended.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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.

Subject: Sheriff's Department – Approve the Missouri State Division of Highway Safety Traffic Grant Application

Captain Beverly Braun was present on behalf of this item.

Captain Braun stated the department is requesting Commission approval to apply for two grants with the Missouri Division of Highway Safety. One is the Hazardous Moving Violations grant and pays for officers to work overtime for two saturations per month.

The other is for sobriety and DWI check points.

Commissioner Miller asked about the County's match. Captain Braun stated the grant gives the department funds for overtime and the County's match is paying FICA and other items. Generally, the grant is approved in October but the department does not begin working on the grant until the first of the year so there is time to place this in the budget.

Captain Braun noted the department has received grants from the Missouri Division of Highway Safety since 1987.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Missouri State Division of Highway Safety Traffic Grant Application for the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 246-2003**

Subject: Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign VOCA Grant Application

Commissioner Schnarre stated he received an e-mail from Bonnie Adkins, PA Office Administrator, regarding this grant application. The grant application is requesting \$50,586.00. This grant has been awarded to Boone County for the past ten years. The County's match would be \$12,640.00 and is derived from the existing salary of the Victim Assistant. The grant funds would be used for salary and benefits for the Victim Specialist's training, travel, printing costs of victim related brochures, and other items.

Commissioner Elkin moved to authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the Application for Funding, VOCA Certificate Assurances, and Audit Requirements for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant for the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 247-2003**

Subject: Public Works

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

A. Second Reading and Public Hearing for Approval of Budget Amendment

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the following budget amendment:

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND TITLE	AMOUNT INCREASE
2040-26201: Public Works – Maintenance Operations – Rock – Vendor Hauled	\$32,493.00

Said budget amendment is to reallocate funds received in 2002 from FEMA to the 2003 budget for rock.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 248-2003**

B. Public Works Week Proclamation

Commissioner Schnarre moved to adopt the following proclamation:

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as roads and streets, bridges, and storm water drainage systems; and

Whereas, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people’s attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

Now, Therefore, We, Commissioners Keith Schnarre, Presiding Commissioner, Karen M. Miller, Dist 1 Commissioner, Skip Elkin, Dist 2 Commissioner of Boone County do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 through May 24, 2003 as

“NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

And we call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the

issues involved in providing public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Given under our hand and Seal of Boone County, Missouri this 20th day of May, 2003.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 249-2003**

C. First Reading of Request for Closure of Road

David Piest, Boone County Surveyor, was present on behalf of this item.

David Piest stated the department received a request from Mike Anderson to close a section of roadway that no one is exactly sure of what the name is. There are possible names of Hermit's Lane, connector between Brown Station Road and Mount Zion Church Road, or extension of Phillipe Lane. The request is to close the road to public access because it is not suitable for travel for one particular portion and this road also runs through private property. This road does not access anything except as a connector from one area to another. Mr. Anderson has requested he be permitted to close this portion of road and allow anyone who has a reason to access this portion of the road be allowed in that area.

Commissioner Miller asked if this has been discussed with the neighbors whose property adjoins this road. Mr. Piest stated he can only assume that Mr. Anderson has discussed this with the neighbors and that any approval on the part of the Commission would be contingent upon Mr. Anderson being able to prove to Public Works and the Commission that he has notified the neighbors of this request and their approval.

Commissioner Miller stated she would like to have this in writing. Mr. Piest stated he would contact Mr. Anderson to let him know that there has to be written approval from the neighbors before the second reading.

Commissioner Miller noted this will be closed under the Boone County Roadway Regulations Chapter II Section 2.7.1 Roadway Closure.

There was discussion about the location of the gate for the portion of the road that will be closed.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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 after comments have been received with an appropriate order for approval.

D. First Reading of Legal Descriptions for Townships

David Piest stated this is a matter of correcting some errors that were read into the ten new townships that were adopted by the Commission in December 2002. There were errors in the legal descriptions that were written. This was attempted to be corrected as quickly as possible. These legal descriptions have been reviewed by the Clerk's Office and the Public Works Department.

The original Commissioner Order adopting the legal descriptions for townships will be rescinded and the new legal descriptions adopted.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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.

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Recommendation from Road and Bridge Advisory Committee (Masonic Drive)

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the following recommendation from the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee:

To allow a variance for Allstate Consultants for Masonic Drive of the following subject to the Developer placement of "No Parking" signs on both sides of the roadway:

1. The length of the road ending in a cul-de-sac being longer than the allowable 1000 feet.
2. The road cross section to vary from that of a Commercial Road Classification to have a twenty four (24) foot wide Portland Concrete road width with four (4) foot earth shoulders. The depth of road would stay as required, and
3. To waive the requirement of including cross sections in the plans since the roadbed exists at this time.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 250-2003**

Subject: Facilities Maintenance – Second Reading and Approval of Budget Revision

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the following budget revision:

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND TITLE	AMOUNT DECREASE	AMOUNT INCREASE
6100-59100: Facilities Maintenance – Vehicle Repairs	\$379.00	
6100-60100: Facilities Maintenance – Building Repairs	\$300.00	
6100-92300: Facilities Maintenance – Fixed Assets		\$679.00

Said budget revision is for the purchase of a new push mower at the Boone County Jail and to complete the security camera replacement project at the Boone County Government Center.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 251-2003**

Subject: Assessor’s Office – Second Reading of Request for Permission to Extend the Closing of Tax Rolls from May 15, 2003 to May 31, 2003

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve the request to extend the closing of tax rolls from May 15, 2003 to May 31, 2003 pursuant to Missouri State Statute Section 137.335.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 252-2003**

Subject: Clerk’s Office – Second Reading and Approval of Budget Revision

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve the following budget revision:

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND TITLE	AMOUNT DECREASE	AMOUNT INCREASE
1123-86800: Emergency	\$6,226.00	

1192-10600: General Fund – Unemployment		\$6,226.00
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Said budget revision is to cover Unemployment expenses for the 1st quarter 2003.

Subject: Approval of Final Development Plan for Faircom Professional Office Park

Stan Shawver, Planning and Zoning Director, was present on behalf of this item.

Stan Shawver stated the Commission approved the Review Plan on April 29, 2003 for this request. This is the Final Development Plan for Faircom Professional Office Park.

Commissioner Miller asked what was being done about the sewer for this development. Mr. Shawver stated there would be an on-site sewer system.

Commissioner Elkin asked if this plan reflects the realignment of the private drive. Mr. Shawver stated that is correct.

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve the request by Shelter Enterprises, Inc. on behalf of Faircom Corporation for a *Final Development Plan* for Faircom Professional Office Park on 22 acres located at 6300 W. Sugar Creek Road, Columbia.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 254-2003**

Subject: Second Reading to Adopt Chapter 8 of the Boone County Health Regulations

Commissioner Schnarre stated this chapter will allow the Health Department Director to issue a quarantine or isolation order, in case of communicable diseases.

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve and adopt the orders in series as follows and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the same on behalf of the County Commission:

- Order Enacting Chapter VIII Code of Health Regulations for Boone County, Missouri, and
- Order for Public Notice

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 255-2003**

Subject: Rescind the following Commission Orders:

A. 88-2002 and 89-2002 and Approve Appointments to the Boone County Group Homes and Family Support Board of Directors

Commissioner Elkin moved to rescind Commission Orders 88-2002 and 89-2002 and appoint the following to the Boone County Group Homes and Family Support Board of Directors:

- Craig Brumfield for a term that will run from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2004, and
- Robert G. Bailey for a term that will run from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2004.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schnarre noted the reason for this is there was an error on the original Commission Order for the term dates for these individuals.

There was no further discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 256-2003**

B. 242-2003 (Appointment to Road and Bridge Advisory Committee)

Commissioner Miller moved to rescind Commission Order 242-2003 appointing Kevin Holman to the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schnarre noted the reason for this is the Commission appointed Mr. Holman in error to the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee. The Commission previously appointed someone to the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee from Rock Bridge Township and there cannot be two representatives from the same township.

There was no further discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 257-2003**

Subject: Authorize Use of Courthouse Grounds (Alzheimer's Memory Walk)

Commissioner Schnarre moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds on October 5, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a registration area for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 258-2003**

Subject: Second Reading of Recommendation from Health Trust Committee

Kay Murray, Boone County Treasurer, was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated the Commission had a first reading of a recommendation from the Health Trust Committee on May 1, 2003. The Health Trust Committee brought forward a recommendation to have each employee by \$68.00 per month to help with the budget shortfall for the Health Trust. There has been a lot of discussion about this item. He requested Kay Murray research what would happen if the benefits were changed such as raising the deductible from \$500 to \$1000 or changing the \$10 co-pay.

He has spoken with Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk, on this item and she has a different proposal.

Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk, stated this proposal is not in opposition to the recommendation from the Health Trust Committee. She received this information around May 14, 2003 from their advisor. She believes the Trust did not have good information when they made their decision on the recommendation for \$68 per month per employee. There is no question the funding has to increase and believes the employees should begin to pick up some of the costs so they can see the profound implications of over utilization of this plan. Ms. Noren believes the costs should be passed on to each participant in the plan rather than just the employees.

The following is the alternative proposal:

- *Effective July 1, 2003, each employee shall pay an additional \$25 per month premium for each participant he or she has enrolled in the health insurance benefit for County employees. "Participant" shall include the employee.*
- *In addition, the County Commission reduces the benefits authorized for health care by requiring all benefits currently paid with the \$10 co-pay to be covered after meeting the deductibles and co-insurance requirements approved by the Health Benefit Trust.*

Annual Income Generated: \$210,000 (this is based on 700 participants)

Estimated Benefit Savings: \$63,000 to \$87,000

Background:

Prior to the 1998 plan year, the Health Benefit Trustees, in response to employee requests added an HMO caliber benefit of paying office visits and preventative services at a \$10 co-pay. The County's health plan is classified as an indemnity plan rather than an HMO plan. An indemnity plan requires the participant to assume a portion of the risk through deductibles and co-pays. An HMO focuses on low co-pays and controlling costs through the utilization of managed care. In an HMO, an employee is required to go through a "gatekeeper" physician who is under contract with the HMO to control the costs associated with the patient care.

Ms. Noren stated she has advocated since the inception that the Trust, by overlaying HMO benefits without any managed care controls, was jeopardizing the fund. It only stands to reason that easy and very cheap access to medical care increases utilization dramatically. In addition, hundreds of claims previously not covered are now paid. The advisors to the Trustees have consistently maintained that it does not affect utilization but the most recent report provided on the impact of increasing the co-pay documents otherwise. If you review the benefit options, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) estimates on true costs appear to also be low in that they estimate approximately \$30.00 payment per visit. In reviewing payments, we believe we are paying closer to \$60 to \$70 per visit. In addition, the increased utilization has impact on the prescription drug benefits in that many physicians err on the side of caution and often prescribe medication.

Ms. Noren explained that from the information she received from the advisors, increasing the co-pay from \$20 to \$30, there are 729, or 25%, fewer claims submitted.

The concept of HMO benefits only works if you have a strong gatekeeper system. By allowing the benefit without the controls, Ms. Noren believes we have seriously endangered the financial health of this fund. The relationship of the County to the Health Trust is similar to the relationship between you and an outside provider. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to maintain that fund and pay the benefit package you choose. As a result, the Trustees have proposed you pay an additional amount to cover the projected shortfall. The proposal would add an employee charge of \$68.00 per month and generate an additional \$290,000.

Participant Charge:

The County currently heavily subsidizes the dependent care policies of our employees. Based on actuarial estimates the amount subsidized has risen dramatically. The County is now paying 48% of the cost for an employee with one dependent and 62% of the cost for family coverage. By only applying the increased funding the Trustees need for the benefit

plan to the employee you now will be requiring employees without dependents to subsidize those with benefits.

While Ms. Noren realizes that the added dependent charge will result in a greater hardship for those with dependent coverage, they still have the choice of reviewing the market and purchasing a health plan that is less rich in benefits to control their costs. Your employees, based on your decision, will not have this choice.

Ms. Noren does not believe that the County ever intended to pay this high a percentage of dependent coverage. Since 1994, the cost of dependent care premiums has increased approximately 37% while the cost of providing benefits has increase 109% over the same period. While she strongly agrees that employees should pay a part of the premium for their own care, she believes that the \$68.00 figure is calculated in a way that will exacerbate the situation of dependent care subsidy. She does not believe an employee without a dependent should be subsidizing the employees with dependents. The primary benefit is to the employees. In addition, the \$68.00 figure will cause an estimated 3.5% reduction in pay for half of our employees. We can reduce that significantly and reduce the dependent care subsidy only through adding a per participant charge.

Ms. Noren stated before all additional costs are dumped on the County's 356 employees, the costs should be spread to all participants to make sure the dependent care coverage does not become more out of balance and the employees are not subsidizing the dependent care coverage and that the steps have been taken to control costs. She does not believe the costs can be controlled when the County has basically an unmanaged HMO.

Commissioner Schnarre apologized to Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Elkin and Kay Murray because he was just informed of this right before the meeting.

Commissioner Miller requested this be tabled.

Ms. Murray requested there be a special meeting for the Health Trust Committee so they can discuss the information presented by Ms. Noren.

Ms. Murray stated the recommendation from the Health Trust Committee came forward to address an immediate need. She noted results would not be seen this year unless cash is added to the fund.

Ms. Noren stated she believes that everyone agrees there needs to be an infusion of cash into the fund whether it is the \$68 per employee per month or an amount per participant. She does not disagree with the recommendation of the Trust but sees the dependent care coverage as an issue that also needs to be addressed.

There was discussion about other health benefit plans available on the market but the possibility that those plans would not have the same benefits as what the County offers.

Ms. Murray stated the Trust felt like the co-pay was used for people going to the doctor would be used to prevent other illnesses and possibly eliminating future catastrophic illnesses.

There was no further discussion on this item.

This item has been tabled by the Commission until the Health Trust Committee holds a special meeting.

Subject: Discussion – Corridor Plan for South Two Mile Prairie

Chad Sayre, Allstate Consultants P.C., was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Miller stated this was discussed in a worksession the other day. This is about the \$250,000 earmark received from the federal government but there had to have matches at the local level. This earmark went through the University of Missouri.

She noted \$50,000 was to come from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). She has not been able to reach Director Mahfood to find out if he was successful in any way of getting any funds that could be identified to meet the match that was agreed to in 1999. The federal government is ready to give the funds to the University to do this study and they need updated letters of commitment from the partners.

Chad Sayre stated in 1998-1999 the City of Ashland, Boone County Regional Sewer District (BCRSD), DNR, the University of Missouri, and the County Commission in a joint effort submitted an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sustainable Grant application to address the water quality regulations becoming more stringent and a sewer treatment and collection study that needed to be completed in Southern Boone County. This is a regionalization study where there are several entities in the area that have wastewater issues. This study will also have economic development and environmental impacts and the largest impact would be on the City of Ashland.

There was a comprehensive approach to this study by looking at not only wastewater collection and treatment but would also look at the land use approach and terrain in the area and other items.

Mr. Sayre stated he believes this is a practical project and the Commission has also taken a practical approach by first doing a Needs Assessment before any obligation was done. This Needs Assessment brought forward a lot of issues and interest in the project state wide.

Another issue that was brought forward at the beginning of this project was the need to have proof of why federal restrictions on wastewater and water quality are being set and

whether those restrictions are applicable.

Mr. Sayre stated the agreement was to have the City of Ashland take care of their immediate issue. There was a moratorium on development in that area. The DNR, through the County Commission and BCRSD, have worked with the City of Ashland to do interim upgrades and build the infrastructure for three to seven years allowing time for the project to get completed and outline funding.

In 2000, results were received on the grant application, from the EPA Regional office that this project did not get funded as a sustainable grant. A different approach was taken with this project and it was taken to the federal level. This is where an earmark was received in the budget saying with the matching partners, the City of Ashland, County Commission, BCRSD, DNR, and the University of Missouri; they would obligate \$250,000 toward the project. The project amount is approximately \$500,000, which includes the cash and the matching in-kind of all the matching partners. That was in the 2002 budget year.

Mr. Sayre stated DNR would be administering the project with the University of Missouri being the grant recipient.

The approach now being taken is a cost-benefit approach. This study will coincide with a study already granted to the BCRSD, Water Quality Study. This study showed the current situation is not an immediate detriment to the Cedar Creek tributaries and therefore, the City of Ashland received their permit renewal.

The initial cash requirement of the County was \$24,000, City of Ashland was \$3,000, and BCRSD was \$15,000. He approached the University first to come back through with their in-kind funds and what will look like cash in their budget will be a significant input for this project.

He has also approached the City of Ashland. In a letter from Ken Eftink, City Administrator for Ashland, indicates they will put in \$10,000 of what they are assuming is a \$50,000 shortfall from DNR funds. They requested the BCRSD also put in additional funds. They are requesting additional funds from the County Commission also. The reason for this request is because of a perceived shortfall of one of the project partners.

This will be a two year study and the deliverable will be a facility plan that will show a recommended location for a regional treatment system and interim upgrades to the project partners and how they need to approach a long term plan. This will have an impact on the terrain, infrastructure and other items in the area. This study will also have an effect on the economic and environmental development.

Mr. Sayre stated he is present at the meeting today to request additional funding toward the cash participation in this project.

Commissioner Schnarre asked what the original cash commitments were from the partners. Mr. Sayre stated the original cash commitments was \$24,000 for Boone County, \$15,000 for BCRSD, \$3,000 for the City of Ashland, \$50,000 for DNR, and the University of Missouri was only committed to in-kind and reinvestment of direct overhead.

Commission Schnarre asked if Ashland has now committed \$13,000. Mr. Sayre stated he believes that is correct. They are requested the County Commission put in an additional \$20,000 for this project.

Commissioner Schnarre asked if the \$44,000 would be for cash and in-kind funds. Commissioner Miller stated the in-kind funds are staff time in the Planning Department.

Commissioner Schnarre asked if the total from the County Commission would be \$44,000 cash and \$45,000 in-kind funds. Mr. Sayre stated that is correct.

Commissioner Miller asked if they would be requesting an additional \$20,000 from BCRSD. Mr. Sayre stated that is correct.

Commissioner Miller discussed the state and federal restrictions that are put on an area and limits the tax base of the area. By having the variety of partners in this project, it can show the federal government the reason for or against the restrictions that have been placed on an area.

Mr. Sayre stated he believes this study will have a big impact on Boone County and other small communities across the State that are dealing with restrictions from the federal government.

Commissioner Elkin noted the restrictions will drive many others to have a centralized system.

Mr. Sayre noted from his experience, most communities will pass bond issues for water and sewer.

There was discussion about the changing affluent levels by the federal government and those changes effecting communities that are trying to upgrade their wastewater systems.

Commissioner Miller noted these funds have not been encumbered by the County. She has spoken with the Boone County Auditor about the process to get the funds from the Emergency/Contingency or Health Profit Share Fund. She has drafted two letters, one with a \$24,000 or \$44,000 cash commitment depending on what the Commission decides to do.

The funds were not originally encumbered because the EPA grant was not originally awarded.

Mr. Sayre stated he does not know what the fiscal year will be in which the funds will be expended. He believes it may possibly be in 2003 for half the funds. They are looking for the letters of commitment now so the project can begin in July or August of this year.

Commissioner Miller stated the Boone County Auditor informed her that the Commission would have to agree on an amount and a budget revision would be prepared.

Commissioner Elkin asked if a budget revision could be done for half the funds for this year and put the additional funds in the budget for 2004. Mr. Sayre stated he did not know.

Commissioner Elkin stated the County committed \$24,000 in 1999 for this project.

Commissioner Miller asked if this could be considered as a first reading to allow for time for the Commission to make a decision on the amount and then approve the letter of commitment. There was no objection to this request.

There was discussion about how this study will be used across the State and as a standard for treatment facilities.

Mr. Sayre stated they need the revised letters of commitment this week.

Commissioner Miller stated she supports the \$44,000 cash commitment if that is what it takes to make this project work. She would prefer DNR put some cash of their own in the project.

Commissioner Elkin asked if DNR originally committed \$50,000. Commissioner Miller stated that was correct. DNR wanted to use this as a model and then replicate the plan in other sensitive areas in the State.

Mr. Sayre stated there is no comprehensive data to back up many of the restrictions that are being handed out.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre 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.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Schnarre

Notice of Voluntary Annexation

Commissioner Schnarre stated the County has received notification of a voluntary annexation of approximately 21.77 acres of land owned by Anna Sue Lentz Trust, located at the north terminus of Shamrock Drive and north of Kelsey Drive.

Jail Visitor's Report (April 29, 2003)

Commission Schnarre stated the Boone County Board of Jail Visitors inspected the Boone County Jail on April 29, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Prison population was 199 inmates of which 188 were residing in the Boone County Jail, 9 residents at Reality House, and 2 housed in Callaway County. The Kitchen was inspected. D-Pod (female population) was also inspected.

Commissioner Miller

Review of Bonne Femme Phase II Stormwater Petition

Commissioner Miller stated she attended a meeting with the City of Ashland and DNR regarding stormwater problems that are happening north of Ashland. There was discussion about whether they would be under EPA Phase II regulations. EPA Phase II regulations are not to monitor quantity but quality. DNR recommended Ashland adopt ordinances and begin dealing with stormwater in order to stay out of the EPA Phase II regulations. Ashland will be working with Boone County on those ordinances.

She noted the Stormwater Legislation passed and pending a veto from the Governor this will pass.

Mental Health Court Mission Statement

Commissioner Miller submitted the Mental Health Court Mission Statement to the Public Record.

“Our mission is to address the unique needs of both the mentally ill, and the mentally ill with a coexisting disorder of substance abuse who are in the criminal justice system. We intend to serve as a bridge between the mental health system and the criminal justice system, for the benefit of both systems and the clients they share.”

The New Homestead Act

Commissioner Miller stated she attended a meeting in Washington, D.C., to lobby for some issues. The New Homestead Act is a bill Senator Dorghhan is proposing and would affect some counties in Northern Missouri. These counties would be eligible for down payments for home buyers and \$10,000 in education funds if one agreed to move back into

the community. This plan is trying to decrease the out migration that is happening in many rural counties.

She was in Washington, D.C. when the economic stimulus package was being developed. She spoke with Senator's Grassley's staff before the vote was taken. He had committed to putting in fiscal relief for local governments. There is \$6 billion for local governments to be able to help with those who are struggling with their budgets for capital projects. It would be a one time payment. Senator Talent informed Commissioner Miller that he thought there would be some trade-offs between the House and the Senate.

She attended a meeting on the RSIP funding which is \$100 million in the Farm bill. This is on hold because there is a disagreement between the authors and the appropriators. This is for rural development of water and sewer systems.

She attended a briefing at the White House with the Rural Utilities Administrator. They discussed how they could work together.

NACo Fact Sheet on Rural Counties – Reauthorization of TEA-21

Commissioner Miller stated she has been working on this bill and has done testimony before Congress. They are asking for a \$1 billion per year program for rural two lane roads for safety and bridges.

REDI Board of Director's Meeting

Commissioner Miller stated Bernie Andrews is the new REDI Director. REDI is looking at hiring a consultant to bring new interest into REDI from investors.

Commissioner Elkin

No reports at this time.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Attest:

Keith Schnarre
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
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