

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the October 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 6:30 p.m.

Subject: Public Hearing for Proposed FY2005 Budget

June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, was present on behalf of this item.

June Pitchford stated the FY2005 Proposed budget for all governmental funds combined is \$44.4 million. The General Fund proposed expenditure budget is \$23.2 million. The Road and Bridge Fund proposed expenditure budget is \$15.4 million. The Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund proposed expenditure budget is \$3 million. The remaining balance is made up of special revenue funds and debt service funds.

Commissioner Schnarre opened the floor for public hearing on the proposed FY2005 budget.

Arcenia Harmon, reporter with the Columbia Daily Tribune, asked about the number of FTEs at Public Works. Commissioner Schnarre stated the four new FTEs in FY2005 and the two that were approved this year will allow for a new crew.

Ms. Harmon asked if there were other emphasis in the budget. Commissioner Elkin stated the implementation of the salary study is important to this budget.

Commissioner Miller stated the new Planner was an emphasis for the budget. This was needed because there will be federal mandates soon, stormwater being one of them. The Planner will help the department with the implementation of the stormwater ordinance and help update zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations.

Commissioner Elkin stated the financial system was also a part of the budget. Funds were set aside in contingency for equipment purchases under the Help America Vote Act. Also, the budget includes replacement equipment implementing a replacement schedule in the Information Technology budget.

There was no further public comment.

Commissioner Schnarre closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Pitchford stated when the Commission adopts a budget; a schedule of all changes authorized by the Commission to the proposed budget is required to be presented at that time. The budget system is designed to track original requests, supplemental requests, proposed supplemental requests, Auditor revisions and Commission revisions but because of the delay in the proposed budget, some of the Commission revisions were already incorporated into the proposed budget.

In the General Fund, it is proposed to rebudget amounts that are related to the fiber optics project. The Commission is adding \$900 for a program that is used at the Boone County Jail. The FY2005 budget should also include the revenue and associated expenditure for Unit 2 of the Condo of the Family Health Center. The County is the owner of the Condo. The unit is leased to the Family Health Center, they will pay the County the Condo assessment amount and as owners, the County pays the Condo Board.

Commissioner Elkin stated the numbers do not match on the Condo Assessment. Mrs. Pitchford stated this is because the lease with Family Health Center caps the amount they pay to the County. Beginning in FY2006, there will not be a discrepancy.

In the Road and Bridge Fund, it is proposed to rebudget funds for fiber optics. There is some shuffling of funds around from a replacement vehicle to a new vehicle purchase and adding easement acquisitions for two projects.

The \$50,000 sewer connection funding had to be re-budgeted from FY2004.

Schooler Road is also an additional project that will be added to the budget.

Mrs. Pitchford noted these items can be added to the budget and the fund balances will be solvent and still meet target levels.

Mrs. Pitchford stated the Fairgrounds Maintenance fund has \$50,000 in contingency. This is for the County's match for a grant award. The budget will be amended at the time of award.

In the Law Enforcement Services Fund, it is proposed to re-budget the fiber optic funds.

A total of \$259,764 will be added to the expenditures of the FY2005 budget and \$28,927 will be added to the revenues of the FY2005 budget.

Mrs. Pitchford asked if there are any additional changes to the budget at this time. The Commission did not know of any other changes at this time.

There was no further comment on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Keith Schnarre
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner