

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kenneth M. Pearson
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Josh Norberg

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Purchasing

Tyson Boldan, Purchasing, was present on behalf of these items.

1. Bid Opening: 31-17JUN08 – St. Charles Roadway and Drainage Improvement

The following bids were opened:

	Steve & Associates, Inc.	Kevin Rackers Excavating	Christensen Construction Co.	Weeco, Inc.
Bid Total	\$174,346.00	\$134,845.00	\$106,537.00	\$125,930.00

2. Request for Surplus Disposal

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the request for surplus disposal per the attached memorandum. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said disposal forms.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 315-2008**

Sheriff’s Department

Beverly Braun and Chad Martin, Sheriff’s Department, were present on behalf of this item.

3. Public Hearing for 2008 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Ms. Braun stated this agreement was signed at a previous meeting, and the grant has a public hearing requirement.

Commissioner Pearson opened the public hearing and asked for comments in favor of the grant.

Mr. Martin stated this grant is split between the Sheriff's Department and the Columbia Police Department. The City has elected to use their 50% on ten tasers, twenty cartridge pouches, and ten holsters, totaling \$9,108.50. The Sheriff's Department's 50% will go toward seventeen digital audio recorders, seventeen plug-in telephone recording microphones, one handheld low-light video camera, five cases of simunition rounds and protective gear, totaling \$9,108.50.

Commissioner Pearson asked for comment in opposition to the grant.

There was no comment in opposition.

Commissioner Pearson closed the public hearing.

County Clerk

Wendy Noren and Carol Wilson, County Clerk's Office, were present on behalf of this item.

4. Insurance Renewals

Ms. Noren stated three years ago, the Commission voted to terminate the agreement with MARCIT and enter into an agreement with MOPERM for several reasons, including the desire to have an occurrence policy and the lower deductibles and premiums. MARCIT offered to waive their \$25,000 deductibles for a year, and at the end of that year they popped back up. MARCIT said in 2006 they would be going to an occurrence policy, but that did not happen until 2007. With an occurrence policy you need an extended reporting period for your liability claims, and it was a very short reporting period. The County's biggest area of liabilities has always been law enforcement. Sheriff Dwayne Carey has spoken to several other sheriffs from around the state about MOPERM. Changing policies is always a risky procedure because there are gaps in policy.

Ms. Noren stated the County has always had remarkable service from MARCIT. The cost estimates for being with MOPERM are lower, but there are some service costs that we will have to endure. The loss control program pales in comparison to MARCIT. They have one person covering over 900 entities; MARCIT has three people working on 60 entities. MOPERM is predominantly smaller entities. Boone County will be the biggest entity.

Commissioner Pearson asked who is in MARCIT.

Ms. Noren stated there are quite a few municipalities, mostly around the Kansas City area. The big counties are Clay, Platte, and Boone Counties.

Ms. Noren stated Lee's Summit has left MARCIT and gone to MOPERM, and they have said the service level, particularly the law enforcement area, area is nowhere near what MARCIT had to

offer.

Ms. Noren stated there are instabilities in the way MARCIT is rating and underwriting their pools. They have good underwriting standards for their pools as a whole, but then they come up with a rate for that without any kind of formula. One year, it would be \$80,000 for this and \$20,000 for that; the next year it would be flip-flopped. That was having a major impact in the way we allocate between our funds. It was causing general revenue to drop way down one year and go way up the next.

Ms. Noren stated she requested a meeting with MOPERM when she got this quote. She stated they gathered their entire management team and spent an afternoon with her. Ms. Noren stated she was very impressed with them and she is very impressed with their loss control agent. He lives in Columbia and he would consider Boone County one of his biggest clients. She felt like the quality of the management was impressive. MARCIT, other than the loss control area, does not have that kind of quality of people. Ms. Noren stated the lower deductibles will certainly be an advantage.

Ms. Noren stated this is a difficult decision because she has been on the board at MARCIT and there is a lot of her sweat and blood in that organization. She has many working relationships with individuals there and it is a difficult thing to make this decision. She stated she does not know what Boone County would have gone through without MARCIT.

Commissioner Elkin asked if there are any charges for tail coverage.

Ms. Noren stated there was not because we are going from an occurrence policy to an occurrence policy. Therefore, there won't be any gaps in coverage.

Commissioner Elkin asked what about the reduction in the deductibles.

Ms. Noren stated Auto Physical Damage will go from \$5,000 to \$1,000; Auto Liability goes from \$25,000 to \$5,000; General Liability goes from \$25,000 to \$5,000; Inland Marine goes from \$25,000 to \$5,000; Law Enforcement goes from \$25,000 to \$10,000; Property Loss stays at \$5,000; Public Officials goes from \$25,000 to \$5,000.

Commissioner Elkin asked if Ms. Noren thought they would increase these costs in a year like MARCIT.

Ms. Noren stated she does not think MOPERM has any intention of increasing these costs. They do not see the need to because maintaining these deductibles is their main draw.

Commissioner Pearson asked about some of the other larger counties that MOPERM serves.

Ms. Noren stated they serve Jefferson County, Greene County, part of Jackson County, Franklin County.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby accept the proposals submitted by MOPERM to provide liability, property and casualty and errors and omissions coverage for the County of Boone effective July 1. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner be authorized to sign the necessary acceptance documents.

It is further ordered that the County Clerk shall notify MARCIT of the County's withdrawal from its Property and Liability pool and to proceed with the necessary steps required for withdrawal under the coverage documents, By-laws and member agreements in place with MARCIT.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 316-2008**

Commissioner Pearson stated he appreciates all the work that has been done.

Ms. Noren stated Carol Wilson has put a lot of work into this and she really appreciates it a lot.

Information Technology

Aron Gish, Director of Information Technology, was present on behalf of this item.

5. Request for Extended Leave of Absence Without Pay

Mr. Gish stated Missy Pollard has been granted 30 days leave of absence without pay beginning June 3, 2008 (June 3rd – July 3rd).

Mr. Gish is requesting Commission approval to grant Ms. Pollard an extended leave of absence in excess of 30 days without pay, according to section 5.7: Leave of Absence Without Pay of the Personnel Policy handbook. If granted, this leave of absence without pay would terminate on September 5, 2008.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone, pursuant to section 5.7 EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY of the Boone County Personnel Policy manual, the County Commission does hereby approve the request for Missy Pollard's leave of absence in excess of 30 days. Approval is granted through and including September 5th, 2008.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 317-2008**

Public Works

6. City/County Road Improvement Agreement (first read on 6/24/08)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Road Improvement Agreement with the City of Columbia for Brown School Road, Clark Lane, and Scott Boulevard. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 318-2008**

Miscellaneous

7. Appointments to Building Code Commission

a. Richard Shanker

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby appoint Richard Shanker to the Building Code Commission for a term beginning June 24, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 319-2008**

b. Jerry C. Olson

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby appoint Jerry C. Olson to the Building Code Commission for a term beginning April 30, 2008, and ending April 30, 2010.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 320-2008**

8. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Elkin reported on the following:

Bluffs: Commissioner Elkin stated he attended the Bluffs meeting. He stated they are working on replacing the director, who is resigning.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Ken Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner