

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the July 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.

1. Authorize Relocation of Airport Beacon Located at Boone County Fairgrounds

Commissioner Elkin stated there has been an effort for years to preserve the airport beacon that is currently located at the Boone County Fairgrounds. He stated he was approached a few months ago by Dan Adams and he invited him to come and talk a little bit about the beacon and the significance of it.

Mr. Adams stated he has been interested in aviation for many years. He had his first airplane ride when he was 6 years old in Dallas, TX. He stated he has had his commercial pilot's license for over 50 years. He stated he is also interested in aviation history. He engineers an aviation history roundtable about once a month.

Mr. Adams stated when he first came to Columbia, the municipal airport was where the Boone County Fairgrounds sits now. That is where this beacon was. It was part of an airway system that was started in the 1930s because they didn't have the electronic navigation systems that we have now. It wasn't very far removed from the 1920s when one of Lindbergh's main routes was from St. Louis to Chicago. They lost a lot of planes because of weather and because they didn't have any instrumentation. One of the main ways pilots knew they were in Chicago in bad weather was they could smell the stockyards, which gave them an approximate angle to where the airport was.

Mr. Adams stated in the 1930s, the government started working on a better airway system. They set up these beacons about every 30 miles apart on routes through the country and they helped a lot. One of these beacons was located at the Columbia regional airport. This particular beacon had a special feature that not all of them had. He stated one night he was flying back to Columbia and all of his instruments went out, and he can remember seeing that beacon.

Mr. Adams stated he started exploring the beacon and asked some people about what was going to be done with it, and that is where this all started. They started talking about it as a part of history and it having value to people interested in that kind of thing. He stated he started looking to see if it might be able to be restored and moved somewhere. There seemed to be more interest in saving this in Jefferson City than there was in Columbia. He stated he spoke with Commissioner Elkin about it and he said he would look into it.

Commissioner Elkin stated the Airport Advisory Board met yesterday and unanimously approved a recommendation that it be located at the airport. John Glascock, who is the Columbia Directory of Public Works, gave the go-ahead to Kathy Frerking, the Airport Manager, to make this project happen. He stated all of the ducks are lined up, it just needs to be decided specifically where it is going to go out there.

Mr. Adams stated he looked around there a couple of days ago, and there is a grassy spot between the north side of the terminal and the conference building. It is a really nice spot and it is balanced with the rest of the structures near two sidewalks.

Commissioner Elkin stated this is all going to be paid for through donations from pilots' associations.

Mr. Adams stated he knew if they asked for money for it, people wouldn't be as interested in doing it. He stated he appreciates the effort on this project.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the relocation of Airport Beacon located at Boone County Fairgrounds to Columbia Regional Airport.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 428-2008**

Collector

Pat Lensmeyer, County Collector, was present on behalf of the following items.

2. Invalidate Tax Sale Parcel 16-412-00-03-101.00, Owner See, Staci

Ms. Lensmeyer stated this is the first time she has had to request that the County Commission invalidate a sale foreclosure on a property that was sold at the tax foreclosure sale. We found out after the fact that bankruptcy proceedings had begun, so we did not get the electronic notice until after the tax sale. Bankruptcy absolutely stops any action. She stated she could leave it in the pending status that it is in, but that serves no purpose. There is statutory authority for the Commission to invalidate that particular parcel for the tax sale. What will happen is the County will credit the purchaser and the taxes will once again be shown as unpaid. We will flag the parcel as in bankruptcy and we will go through the normal bankruptcy proceedings.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby take up the matter of the sale for delinquent taxes of parcel 16-412-00-03-101.00, further

described as 4713 King Salmon Way, Quail Creek Plat 2, Lot 85, owned in the name of See, Staci.

Pursuant to the provisions of 140.540 RSMo, as revised, the Commission has the authority to invalidate the sale if the County Collector discovers, prior to the conveyance of any lands sold for taxes, that the sale was invalid for any cause. In this instance, the County Collector has reported that the owner of the land in question, Staci See, filed a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy on August 22, 2008, prior to the tax sale which was held on August 25, 2008. The Boone County Collector, however, received notice of the bankruptcy electronically from the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District, on August 26, 2008, the day after the 2008 tax delinquency sale was held.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commission hereby invalidates the aforementioned tax sale.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 429-2008**

3. 2008 Tax Sale Surplus Report

Ms. Lensmeyer stated each year, property that is sold at the tax sale for more than what is due is considered surplus. Those funds are turned over to the County Treasurer and held for the benefit of the owner. If it is unclaimed, it goes to the benefit of the school district. This is the surplus report that is presented to the Commission so that the funds can be turned over to the County Treasurer. The amount this year is \$17,830.23. There are eleven properties.

Commissioner Miller asked if this is about the average number of parcels that are normally sold.

Ms. Lensmeyer stated she prefers one or two. There were over two hundred to start with this year. She stated Boone County is still way ahead. Ray County, which is a small county, sold over 300 properties. The fact that Boone County started with over 200 and took eleven to the tax sale is still very good.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby acknowledge the 2008 Tax Sale Surplus Report presented by the Boone County Collector in the amount of \$17,830.43. It is further acknowledged said funds shall be turned over to the Boone County Treasurer.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 430-2008**

Purchasing

Dave Eagle, Purchasing, was present on behalf of these items.

4. 41-08AUG08 – Digital Cameras for Sheriff’s Department (first reading)

Mr. Eagle stated the bid for Digital Cameras for Sheriff’s Department closed on August 8, 2008. Twelve bids were received, but only the bid offered by Sam’s Club was for the camera specified in the bid. Purchasing and the Sheriff’s Department recommend award to Sam’s Club for offering the best bid for Boone County.

The County will be purchasing twenty-six (26) Digital Cameras at \$209.64 each (\$5,451.00). Invoice will be paid from Department 2535 – Justice Assistance Grant, Account 91300 – Machinery and Equipment. \$5,608.00 was budgeted for this equipment.

Commissioner Miller asked what was so different about this camera that all of the other vendors could not provide it.

Chad Martin, Sheriff’s Department, stated they have accessories for that model that are already in use and when the cameras break down, the accessories can be taken off and put on the new cameras.

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

5. Purchase of Laptop Computers

Mr. Eagle stated the bid for Laptops for Elections closed on September 2, 2008. Two bids were received. Purchasing and the County Clerk recommend award to USA Notebook, Inc. for offering the lowest and best bid for Boone County.

The County will be purchasing twenty-six (26) laptops at \$250.00 each, for a total contract price of \$6,500.00. Invoice will be paid from Department 2300 – Elections Services, Account 91301 – Elections Services Computer Hardware. A \$6,800.00 budgeted revision will pay for this equipment.

Commissioner Pearson asked if these were used.

Mr. Eagle stated they are.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does

hereby award bid 48-02SEP08 – Laptops for Elections to USA Notebook, Inc. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 431-2008**

Sheriff's Department

Chad Martin, Leasa Quick, and Rene Atkins, Sheriff's Department, were present on behalf of these items.

6. Agreement to Provide Security for University of Missouri Football

Ms. Quick stated the County has an agreement with the University to provide security for the football games.

Commissioner Miller asked if this is the same price as last year.

Ms. Quick stated it is the same price.

Commissioner Miller asked if it covers all of the benefits.

Ms. Quick stated it does.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the contract between the University of Missouri Police Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Department for safety and security services for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 432-2008**

7. Grant Application for DOVE Grant

Ms. Atkins stated she is requesting authority to apply for this grant. This will be the twelfth year of this grant. She stated they will be turning it in as a renewal.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does

hereby authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the grant application for the DOVE Grant.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 433-2008**

8. Authorize Transfer Above Mid-Point

Mr. Martin stated the Sheriff's Department is requesting the transfer of James Heath Chinn to the position of Investigator at 104% of Mid-Point. Mr. Chinn participated in a promotion process. He has been with the Department since July 8, 2003. His salary will be the lowest amongst the current investigators, and is lower than the previous employee at his position.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the request to transfer above Authorized Transfer Salary for James Heath Chinn to Position No. 204 – Investigator at 104% of Mid-Point.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 434-2008**

Court Administrator

Joy Rushing and Kathy Lloyd, Court Administrator, were present on behalf of this item.

9. Grant Application for STOP Grant

Ms. Rushing stated the Circuit Court has consolidated domestic violence criminal cases onto a couple of dockets each week in front of one judge in order to facilitate the process and get some consistency in how they are handling the cases and to allow the judge hearing the cases to develop some expertise in that area to provide greater assistance to victims of domestic violence. As part of that program, Judge Daniels would like to have available to the defendants a batterers intervention program. The agency that provides that program lost funding for it and this is an application to replace that funding so that the program can go on. She stated they originally anticipated applying for a position, which would be a domestic violence court coordinator. Since the budget had already been approved for this year, they were unable to identify match money for that. The plan is to look at that again next year.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize Commissioner Karen M. Miller to sign the grant application for the STOP

Grant.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 435-2008**

Prosecuting Attorney

10. VOCA Grant Award Acceptance

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the VOCA Grant award acceptance.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 436-2008**

Miscellaneous

11. United Drilling Contract for Courthouse Expansion Project (first read on 9/2/08)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the contract with United Drilling for the Courthouse Expansion Project. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 437-2008**

12. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Miller reported on the following:

Courthouse Expansion Project: Commissioner Miller stated the fourth floor paint, carpet, and finish are being completed. Third floor construction on the east side and center portion is undergoing completion. The west side is waiting for finish until the limestone is finalized so it is a dry building. The project is on a tight schedule. Part of the Clerk's Office will move into the basement when it is finished so they can start the remodel of that space. The contingency says

\$410, 543, but that really isn't the case because there are several pending expenditures so it is about \$310,000.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24 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