

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.

County Clerk

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

1. Tax Rate Hearing

Ms. Noren stated this is the public hearing held to establish the tax rates for 2008. The tax rates need to be set by September 20.

Commissioner Miller stated each entity has their own public hearing before they turn their rates into the County Clerk.

Ms. Noren stated that is correct. This particular hearing references the County’s levies. The County is in control of the General Revenue and the Road and Bridge levies. The Group Homes levy is a voted levy, so the County doesn’t really have any control over that. That levy is set according to the statutory limits.

Commissioner Pearson opened the public hearing and asked for comments.

There were no comments.

Commissioner Pearson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby set the 2008 tax rates per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for county purposes as follows:

County of Boone	Total \$.2789
General Revenue	\$.1200
Common Road and Bridge	\$.0475
Group Homes	\$.1114

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 2008:

State of Missouri	\$.0300
Columbia Public Schools	Total \$4.7292
Incidental Fund	\$1.3592
Teachers Fund	\$2.5581
Debt Service	\$.8019
Capital Projects	\$.0100
Southern Boone County R-I Schools	Total \$4.5175
Incidental Fund	\$3.1875
Teachers Fund	\$.0000
Debt Service	\$1.2800
Capital Projects	\$.0500
Hallsville R-IV Schools	Total \$3.9188
Incidental Fund	\$3.0052
Teachers Fund	\$.0000
Debt Service	\$.7536
Capital Projects	\$.1600
Sturgeon R-V Schools	Total \$4.7661
Incidental Fund	\$3.4961
Teachers Fund	\$.0000
Debt Service	\$1.2700
Capital Projects	\$.0000
 Centralia R-VI Schools	 Total \$4.2095
Incidental Fund	\$3.3195
Teachers Fund	\$.0000
Debt Service	\$.8900
Capital Projects	\$.0000
Harrisburg R-VIII Schools	Total \$4.4097
Incidental Fund	\$ 3.2597
Teachers Fund	\$.0000
Debt Service	\$ 1.1500
Capital Projects	\$.0000
New Franklin R-I Schools	Total \$3.8922
Incidental Fund	\$3.3692
Teachers Fund	\$.0000

Debt Service	\$.5230	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
Fayette R-III Schools		Total \$4.1401
Incidental Fund	\$3.4393	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.7008	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
North Callaway R-I Schools		Total \$3.6100
Incidental Fund	\$3.0178	
Teachers Fund	\$.0000	
Debt Service	\$.5922	
Capital Projects	\$.0000	
City of Ashland		Total \$.2966
General Revenue	\$.2603	
Debt Service	\$.0363	
City of Centralia		Total \$.9288
General Revenue	\$.6415	
Parks & Recreation	\$.2873	
City of Columbia		Total \$.4100
General Revenue	\$.4100	
City of Hallsville		Total \$.8664
General Revenue	\$.5764	
Debt Service	\$.2900	
City of Sturgeon		Total \$.5500
General Revenue	\$.5500	
Town of Harrisburg	General Revenue	\$.3259
Village of Hartsburg	General Revenue	\$.5156
City of Rocheport	General Revenue	\$.2591
Town of Huntsdale	General Revenue	\$.5000
Special Business District		\$.4778
Boone County Fire Protection District		Total \$.7394
General Revenue	\$.5929	
Dispatch Fund	\$.0283	
Fire Bond	\$.1182	
Southern Bo. Co. Fire Protect. District		Total \$.4124
General Revenue	\$.2130	
Dispatch	\$.0281	
Debt Service	\$.1713	
Boone County Library District		\$.2986

Centralia Library District	Total	\$.3678
Library		\$.2893
Library Bond		\$.0785
Columbia Regional Library	Total	\$.5221
General Revenue		\$.2971
Debt Service		\$.2250
Callahan Watershed Subdistrict		\$.0900

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Ms. Noren stated the Town of Huntsdale is a new taxing entity. She stated the City of Rocheport failed to hold their public hearing and set their levy by the deadline for non-county public entities. This has happened before in Sturgeon. At the time, legal counsel advised that the County does not have any authority to extend the tax levy. She stated she ran that by current legal counsel and he concurred.

Commissioner Elkin asked what they are going to do.

Ms. Noren stated that will be up to the city as to whether or not they can collect taxes on their own. They will have to work with their own legal counsel to determine their options.

Commissioner Miller asked what they have done in the past.

Ms. Noren stated Sturgeon collected their own. Rocheport failed to meet the deadline in 1984 also, and they did not collect that year.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 449-2008**

Planning and Building

Ryland Rodes, Planning and Building, was present on behalf of this item.

2. Request to Name Unnamed Road

Mr. Rodes stated this is a request to name a roadway. It is currently a private, non-county maintained road. He stated the road begins on the south side of Whitefish Drive approximately 140 feet west of the intersections of Whitefish Drive and Dolly Varden Drive and running in a southwesterly direction for approximately 1100 feet. When Whitefish Drive is built, it will continue in a northwesterly direction. The issue here is that there are several lots that will front Graystone Drive, and it can be a little confusing at the intersection at Whitefish Drive as to whether Whitefish Drive is just splitting. The Post Office can deliver down Graystone Drive, so there won't be a group of mailboxes all at one spot at the intersection.

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

hereby approve the request to name an unnamed roadway that is currently a private, non-county maintained road to Graystone Drive. Said road is located in Section 17, Township 48 North, Range 13 West as shown as an approximate fifty foot wide private ingress/egress easement on Graystone Subdivision Plats 1 and 2 recorded in book 42, pages 5 and 25 of the Boone County Records.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 450-2008**

Purchasing

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

3. Request for Surplus Vehicle Disposal (first reading)

Mr. Boldan stated the following is a surplus vehicle. Purchasing is requesting Commission approval to dispose of the vehicle.

DISPOSAL THROUGH – KIRKSVILLE AUTO AUCTION – with Jim Cornell as our representative			
Year	Description	Approximate Mileage	VIN #
2007	Ford Crown Victoria	127,191	2FAHP71W57X107962

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.

4. 40-15AUG08 – Pre-Printed Envelopes (first read on 9/16/08)

Mr. Boldan stated this contract has been revised since the first reading. He stated the bid for Pre-Printed Envelopes for the Boone County Collector’s Office closed on August 15, 2008. Nine bids were received. Purchasing and the Collector’s Office recommend award to University Printing Services for offering the best bid for Boone County.

The County will be purchasing all envelopes bid. An estimated 481,000 envelopes will be purchased at a total cost of \$12,281.51. Invoice will be paid from Department 1150 – Collector, Account 23001 – Printing. \$12,750.00 was budgeted for this equipment.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby award bid 40-15AUG08 – Pre-Printed Envelopes to University Printing Services. It is further ordered the Presiding Commission 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 451-2008**

Information Technology

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

5. Request to Add Position to Mail Services

Mr. Gish stated he spoke with Betty Dickneite, Director of Human Resources. Based on the responsibilities of the position, she advised that the request be for an Office Specialist position.

Commissioner Miller stated that position is to take place of the other inactive mail position.

Mr. Gish stated that is correct. He stated instead of activating the old position, the duties were more applicable to the Office Specialist position.

Commissioner Miller asked what the difference is in the base of the salary ranges.

Mr. Gish stated the base for the Mail Clerk position is \$8.63/hour. The mid-point for that position is \$10.79/hour. The base of the Office Specialist position is \$10.26/hour, and the mid-point for that position is \$12.83/hour.

Commissioner Miller asked if he would like this to be acted on today so the position can be posted.

Mr. Gish stated that is his wish.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Mail Services Department under the Information Technology Department to advertise for an Office Specialist position in lieu of reactivating the Mail Clerk Position, to become effective immediately.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 452-2008**

County Counselor

6. Addendum to Legal Services Cooperative Agreement (first read on 9/16/08)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Addendum to Legal Services Cooperative Agreement with Boone County Family Resources. 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 453-2008**

7. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Elkin stated he went with Bob Davidson to tour the MKT Trail and view the damage from the flooding. He stated it is in worse shape than it was in 1993. He stated he asked Mr. Davidson to show the photos that he took and give an update as to where it is.

Mr. Davidson presented photos of the damage to the MKT Trail. There are several instances where the trail is washed out to the base rock, leaving drop-offs of up to 12 inches in some areas. He stated some phones along the trail were submerged and are no longer working, and will need to be replaced. He stated the trail repair will cost between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Commissioner Elkin stated we still don't know if and when FEMA funds will be available.

Commissioner Miller stated the numbers are due by this Friday. It all depends on the President declaring the area a disaster area. The Governor has to request it first, and he is requesting these numbers so he will know what he is dealing with when he asks for FEMA assistance.

Commissioner Elkin stated one of the reasons he asked Mr. Davidson to come today is because he has seen several groups of people out on the trail in these dangerous conditions. He asked if we should fast-track the repairs or wait until the FEMA funds become available.

Commissioner Miller stated we have to do it one way or the other, so we might as well get it done so there won't be liability piled on top of it. We can be reimbursed if the funds come in. She stated she believes we should get the emergency funds transferred and then get reimbursed.

Mr. Davidson stated there is not an emergency fund in the Parks and Recreation account. It is in the Maintenance account.

Commissioner Miller stated she is not opposed to doing it right away.

Commissioner Elkin stated the City of Columbia has trucks out there today working on it already.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the use of General Revenue emergency funds to repair flood damage on the MKT trail and to reimburse the account should FEMA funds become available.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Miller stated the estimate at this point is between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 454-2008**

8. Public Comment

Pat Lensmeyer, County Collector, was present.

Ms. Lensmeyer stated she wanted to follow up a little bit on the Huntsdale property tax levy and the Rocheport failure to certify their tax levy. She stated she would like the Commissioners to have a little better understanding of what that means to them. Huntsdale had their public hearing on August 16 to enter into the agreement with the County Collector to collect the taxes for them. She stated it has been a challenge to get it to that point, Partly because it is a new city and they really don't know exactly what is required. If everything works, she stated she will be bringing the agreement forward as she has with the other city agreements. She anticipates that will happen.

Ms. Lensmeyer stated regarding Rocheport, there is no general revenue certified tax levy for the City of Rocheport. When this happened with Sturgeon, about the only thing the Collector's Office did not do is physically collect the taxes. We still were involved in helping them create the bills. The Assessor still has the responsibility to do any assessments. A lot of things still happened, it is just that we don't add that tax to the tax bills that go out to those property owners. We still collect everything else for those property owners; that one line is just not on there. The citizens end up getting two tax bills, and there ends up being a lot of confusion. She stated she ran some ads in the paper to try to clarify that process. The clerk in Sturgeon posted information to try to help. There is a great deal of house cleaning that the County still does just to be as helpful as we can be. Going forward, the County is forever prohibited from collecting 2008 property taxes for the City of Rocheport. That includes any delinquent taxes. If they enter into a collection agreement with the County next year, the collection will only be for next year forward and from 2007 backward. There will always be the chunk of taxes in 2008 that the County will not be able to collect.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Attest:

Kenneth M. Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner