

TERM OF COMMISSION: July 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 Joshua Norberg

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Collector

Pat Lensmeyer, Collector, was present on behalf of this item.

1. Tax Collection Agreements – City of Sturgeon and City of Columbia (first reading)

Ms. Lensmeyer stated what is unique about the agreement with the City of Sturgeon is that we will collect current and delinquent taxes for every year but 2004, which is the year that Sturgeon didn't properly set their levy. She stated other than that this agreement mirrors the others. The amount that we collected for Sturgeon last year was \$34,400. If the City were to do that on their own, they would only realize about 60% of that. The rest would be used for postage, etc., so this really is a service that we provide.

Ms. Lensmeyer stated what is unique about the agreement with the City of Columbia is that we also collect the Columbia Library District. She stated we are required by law to collect libraries, but this is part of their agreement because of the unique organization that we have for the Daniel Boone Regional Library. She stated we also collect the Special Business District.

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

Miscellaneous

Steve Hollis, Manager of Community Services, was present on behalf of this item.

2. Authorize Presiding Commissioner to Sign Letter of Intent to Apply for HPRP Funding

Mr. Hollis stated as we have discussed, we have decided to have the County accept this money from the federal government through the state. He stated he has been speaking with the County Counselor and he will be working with Purchasing to do a local Request for Proposal (RFP). He stated it has been a little challenging because we don't have the state RFP.

Commissioner Miller asked when the state RFP will be done.

Mr. Hollis stated he isn't sure.

Commissioner Miller asked if we are going to do it without their RFP.

Mr. Hollis stated we really can't. He stated we will try to write as much as we can of the general language and then use the state RFP for the actual forms that the agencies need to complete.

Commissioner Miller asked if we have a pecking order of our highest priorities since there are several different types of funding.

Mr. Hollis stated this funding is pretty broad. He stated there are things on there like credit counseling. He stated we should open it up and see what we get, and then prioritize it. He stated his gut tells him that rent and utility assistance are the heart of the matter and that is what we should focus on. They do allow for some case management, which is important. He stated the idea of this money is to keep people or get people in housing, and case management is a part of that.

Commissioner Miller stated she thought that if you had a pecking order for priorities it would eliminate any controversy when you chose those things first to spend the money on and then maybe not have a full response to some of the applicants.

Mr. Hollis stated he had the same thought, so maybe we should include that in the RFP.

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the letter of intent to apply for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Commissioner Pearson asked how much we might be able get through this grant.

Mr. Hollis stated \$391,000.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 308-2009**

Purchasing

3. Request for Surplus Disposal (first reading)

Commissioner Miller stated her only question is why it says "error" after each item on the list.

Commissioner Pearson stated we can ask Dave Eagle before the second reading.

Commissioner Miller stated when we get rid of things like computers, they aren't worth anything because we have stretched our computer replacement out so much that by the time this stuff goes, it doesn't work.

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

4. 33-08JUN09 – Grass Seed Term and Supply (first read on 7/2/09)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby award bid 33-08JUN09 – Grass Seed Term and Supply to MFA Agri-Services Columbia as the primary vendor, and A.S.P. Enterprises, Inc. as the secondary vendor. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contracts.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 309-2009**

5. Centurytel – Centrex Telephone Agreement (first read on 7/2/09)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Centrex Telephone Agreement with Centurytel. 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 310-2009**

6. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Miller reported on the following:

Chamber of Commerce: Commissioner Miller stated she attended Government Affairs at the Chamber of Commerce and the topic was TIFs and whether the Chamber should take a position. The Government Affairs Committee recommended no position because there were such strong feelings on both sides of the issue. The Chamber board may adopt a position anyway, but they always go through Government Affairs first to vet it. She stated it was very informational.

Commissioner Pearson asked who won the argument.

Commissioner Miller stated she doesn't think that either of them won the argument. They both had good points and the reason they chose to not take a position is that they don't want to split the Chamber. There are people in the Chamber that are very opposed and people who are very supportive because downtown needs a boost. She stated she could argue both sides and she doesn't know if there is a "right" answer to that question. It just depends on where you sit in the midst of it all.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.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