

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Daniel K. Atwill
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Director of Human Resources Betty Dickneite
Captain Chad Martin
James Pounds
Deputy County Clerk Cameron Clarke

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

Human Resources

1. Recommendation regarding the Day After Thanksgiving 2012 (first reading)

Director of Human Resources Betty Dickneite was present on behalf of this item. Ms. Dickneite stated at the January 19 Personnel Advisory Committee meeting, they discussed the day after Thanksgiving for 2012. Ms. Dickneite stated they voted to unanimously agree that the Commission should declare the day after Thanksgiving a holiday, if the governor does not declare it as a holiday in 2012. Ms. Dickneite stated the members who voted in favor of the recommendation were: Bettie Johnson, Tom Schauwecker, June Pitchford, Dwayne Carey, Bonnie Adkins (proxy for Dan Knight), Christy Blakemore, Stan Shawver, Betty Dickneite, Melinda Bobbitt, and Aron Gish. Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill abstained from voting since he will need to vote on it at the Commission level. Members Not Present for Vote and no proxy given: Wendy Noren, Pat Lensmeyer, Cathy Richards and Nicole Galloway.

Commissioner Miller stated she wants all the backup they asked for on the record.

Ms. Dickneite distributed a report from Bettie Johnson, Recorder of Deeds. Ms. Dickneite stated it shows very little income into general revenue on that day. Ms. Dickneite stated the Prosecutor's Office said they would ask for volunteers should the State not get the day off. Ms. Dickneite stated Judge Oxenhandler said he would wait for the Commission to decide what to do before he would decide.

Commissioner Miller stated if it is a holiday it means the Court Marshals and Prosecutors will be off.

Ms. Dickneite stated she thinks the PAC would like to see a decision sooner rather than later so people can make their plans as early as possible. Ms. Dickneite stated if offices are open, some people can take vacation but others will have to work.

Commissioner Atwill 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.

2. Recommendation regarding the Bereavement Leave Policy (first reading)

Director of Human Resources Betty Dickneite was present on behalf of this item. Ms. Dickneite stated this came from the April 24 PAC meeting. Ms. Dickneite stated the PAC unanimously supported the revision shown below. Ms. Dickneite stated the revision is in what is defined as “immediate family”. Ms. Dickneite stated the change is as follows: Immediate family is defined as an employee’s spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, **the same categories of relative for the employee’s spouse, or a member of the employee’s immediate household.** Ms. Dickneite stated if a spouse’s relative passes away, they would be granted the same as if it was the employee’s relative. Ms. Dickneite stated the members who voted in favor of this recommendation were: June Pitchford, Pat Lensmeyer, Christy Blakemore, Nicole Galloway, Stan Shawver, Betty Dickneite, Melinda Bobbitt, Aron Gish, Chet Dunn, Jacqueline Davidson (proxy for Tom Schauwecker), and Bonnie Adkins (proxy for Dan Knight). Members Not Present for Vote and no proxy given: Wendy Noren, Bettie Johnson, Dwayne Carey, Cathy Richards, and Dan Atwill.

Commissioner Atwill 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.

Sheriff’s Department

3. Budget revision to cover cost of replacement police vehicle equipment (first reading)

Captain Chad Martin was present on behalf of this item. Captain Martin stated this is a budget revision to move emergency funds to insurance claim activity to cover the cost of replacement for a Chevrolet Caprice. Captain Martin stated a couple months ago we replaced a Crown Vic that was totaled in an accident with a Caprice, because Crown Vics aren’t being made anymore. Captain Martin stated this is the vehicle specific equipment I can’t transfer from the wrecked car into the Caprice. Captain Martin stated this covers the prisoner partition, back seat, and equipment console that won’t match up on the floor.

Commissioner Atwill 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. Budget revision to re-allocate savings from 2901 vehicles to purchase equipment for new vehicles (first reading)

Captain Chad Martin was present on behalf of this item. Captain Martin stated this is a budget revision within the Sheriff's LE Sales tax, department 2901 into various accounts to cover expenses for equipment for new vehicles, LPR Server Engineering support, siren, and one modem. Captain Martin stated in the 2012 budget, we budgeted \$14,000 which was a guess at what it would take to outfit the new vehicles, because it was the first year we weren't able to get any Crown Vics. Captain Martin stated none of the equipment manufacturers had any pricing structures out at the time of budget. Captain Martin stated this takes money from savings for replacement vehicles, and parcels it out to machinery and equipment, outside services, and computer software. Captain Martin stated the other items on this budget revision that are not related to the vehicle equipment are the fixed site license plate readers, a server to accommodate that data, and a spare modem. Captain Martin stated currently, when a vehicle siren or modem goes out of service, we are down to zero spares, and the whole car must be taken out of service. Captain Martin stated this would allow him to buy one of each of those to keep on the shelf. Captain Martin stated the problem with the modems is that they are 5-7 years old, and like any piece of computer technology, it's aging. Captain Martin stated they're also bouncing around in a patrol car, so it's lucky they get the life they have out of them. Captain Martin stated they are failing rapidly.

Commissioner Atwill 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.

Commission

5. Agreement with the University of Missouri to promote the Show-Me-State Games (first reading)

Commissioner Elkin stated this is our annual support for the games.

Commissioner Atwill asked what the County does to support the games.

Commissioner Elkin stated we give them \$18,000 to advertise and do other activities.

Commissioner Miller stated we definitely get it back. Commissioner Miller stated if we lost the games we would be in trouble.

Commissioner Elkin stated they have done reports on hotel stays and economic impact of the games. Commissioner Elkin stated it's in the millions.

Commissioner Atwill asked who spends the money.

Commissioner Elkin stated the Show-Me-State Games.

Commissioner Atwill 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.

6. Second Amendment to the Boone Hospital Center Lease (second reading, first read 5/10/2012)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the second amendment to the lease between the Board of Trustees of Boone County Hospital, and CH Allied Services Inc. The terms of this agreement are stipulated in the attached contract. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order # 242-2012**

7. Public Comment

James Pounds stated he was present to ask several questions about the deal with Zim Schwartz. Mr. Pounds asked if Mike Matthes consulted the Commission before he dismissed her.

Commissioner Atwill stated we have an agreement with the City that dates back to 1977, with amendments. Commissioner Atwill stated the City has the employment arrangement with all employees of Joint Communications. Commissioner Atwill stated within the contractual arrangement, the City's role is that they are employees of the City, with all of the strings attached with an employer/employee relationship. Commissioner Atwill stated the City had the authority to remove her.

Mr. Pounds stated, so basically, they had the sole responsibility to hire and fire that position. Mr. Pounds asked if it is a multi-office position.

Commissioner Atwill stated that's correct.

Mr. Pounds stated Southern Boone Fire.

Commissioner Atwill stated that's one of them.

Mr. Pounds stated, Ashland, Centralia.

Commissioner Atwill stated Centralia has a different arrangement; they're not really involved with Joint Communications in the way other cities are with regard to police and fire dispatching.

Mr. Pounds confirmed the City basically regulates and controls that position.

Commissioner Atwill stated they are the employer, and in this case she was the employee. Commissioner Atwill stated we had a meeting yesterday at the Boone County Fire Protection District, and this was discussed in great detail.

Mr. Pounds stated he is just going by the reports, and he doesn't have any inside information, but he was curious. Mr. Pounds stated the City has said they terminated her position, and then they assigned someone to her position. Mr. Pounds asked if they're going to do away with the position, why they would assign someone to it.

Commissioner Atwill stated Mr. Pounds might want to ask Mr. Matthes.

8. Commissioner Reports

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner