

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 Dan Atwill
District I Commissioner Karen Miller
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Director Purchasing Melinda Bobbitt
Intake & Evaluations Coordinator - JJC Tara Eppy
Chief Juvenile Officer Ruth McCluskey
Deputy County Clerk Mike Yaquinto

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

Purchasing

1. RFP Opening: 17-18MAY15 - Access to Services Program for Boone County Children's Services Fund

The Offerors to this RFP are the University of Missouri and Great Circle. Commissioner Atwill said these will be reviewed by Purchasing for further analysis and evaluation for final determination.

Melinda Bobbitt said the Board will be reviewing both of the Offerors and will conduct interviews with both. There will be an award within a couple of months from this date.

There were no further comments or questions.

Proclamation

2. Proclamation recognizing the Sharp End heritage Committee and the Dedication of the historic Sharp End

Commissioner Atwill read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, located between Fifth and Sixth streets on Walnut, Sharp End was a self-sufficient, nationally known area where thriving black-owned businesses operated for more than fifty years and during its era served as the cultural, entertainment and business center of black life for many Columbia residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, many of the Sharp End's businesses were passed down through families for generations, provided a significant number of jobs for the black community and included, among other things, restaurants, a taxi company, barbershops, blacksmiths, a theater, cafes, poolhalls, nightclubs and a community center; and

WHEREAS, the Sharp End Heritage Committee was established in 2014 to recognize This significant place in Columbia - a place that was demolished during Urban Renewal in the early 1960s which had an overwhelming and enduring impact on many residents; and

WHEREAS, to help encourage renewed development of minority-owned businesses and greater understanding throughout Columbia, the Sharp End Heritage Committee has put together a multi-faceted plan for recognizing Sharp End's historical significance, an effort that includes placing a historic marker on the Sharp End block, capturing oral histories of surviving family members, creating a publication that records the history and celebrating the occasion at a public reception; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Columbia's broader history and the historic contributions

Black businesses have made to the community, we can increase trust and pave the way for a greater future;

THEREFORE, the Boone County Commission proudly recognizes the Sharp End Heritage Committee in Columbia, Missouri, and celebrates the dedication of the Historic Sharp End marker during this proud moment of well-deserved distinction.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby recognize The Sharp End Heritage Committee and The Dedication of the Historic Sharp End.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #217-2015**

Commissioner Miller said it was amazing how many businesses were in the one square block area.

Commissioner Thompson thanked all the citizens who participated in the research for this endeavor.

Mr. James Whitt said he would like to invite the public to attend the festivities today. There will be many families in attendance. This is a significant and important event in our community and we will be making the Sharp End a permanent part of the history of Columbia.

Commissioner Thompson asked how many people the committee talked to in getting the oral history of the Sharp End.

Mr. Barta said it was quite a few, maybe up to 100.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Whitt and Ms. Horrell for the work on this and said they are looking forward to attending the ceremony.

Juvenile Justice Center

3. 1st Reading: Approval of Grant application for Juvenile Detention Alternatives.

Tara Eppy said this is a renewal which we have been doing for the last 3 – 4 years. This will cover meals for the committee meetings for the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative as well as the sub-committee for the Disproportionate Minority Contact committee meetings. This will also allow staff from the Juvenile Office and JJC to visit other sites within Missouri to take notes and bring back ideas for our area.

There were no comments or questions.

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 appropriate order for approval.

Family Court Services

4. 1st Reading; Approval of Grant Application for Disproportionate Minority Contact, Diversion Strategies.

Ruth McCluskey said they are applying for a grant through the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association which would help to support a Youth Day in Boone County. The focus of the day would be to raise awareness of Disproportionate Minority Contact issues in Boone

County and also to educate stakeholders and committee members as to what we have been doing to address these issues such as the Detention Alternative Program, Teen Court and the Reporting Center. This will also allow a positive interface between youth and law enforcement. Different agencies would like to set up booths to provide referral information to families and youth about services they can provide. This is still in the planning stage, but we look forward to making this happen.

Commissioner Miller said she urged this to happen. Family Court Services does so many great things and they need to tell their story on all these different programs.

There were no further comments or questions.

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 appropriate order for approval.

Facilities Maintenance

5. 1st Reading; Budget Revision to reallocate funds for new carpet cleaning extraction machine.

Commissioner Thompson said the extraction machine was purchased for housekeeping and exceeded the \$1,000 limit for minority equipment and tools so the funds had to be moved to pay for the machine.

There were no comments or questions.

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 appropriate order for approval.

Commission

6. 1st and 2nd Reading: Organizational Use of the Government Center Chambers by Show Me Solar, N.P. for 2 dates: June 23 and July 14, 2015.

Commissioner Thompson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Organizational Use of the Government Center Chambers by Show Me Solar, N.P. for June 23 and July 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #218-2015**

7. Public comment

Mr. Jay Barta said he is requesting that the Commission present, at this year's fair, what the plans are for the fair in for the next 4 – 5 years, particularly with 4-H.

Commissioner Atwill said that there will be a fair this year, but beyond that, there are no plans.

Commissioner Miller said that the 4-H program is under the University of Missouri Extension and it is their responsibility to determine what 4-H is doing.

Mr. Barta said he was wondering about the access of the building on the fairgrounds that has \$50,000 in the budget to winterize and nothing for the future.

Commissioner Miller said there is enough in the budget for this year. The 2016 budget has

not been finalized and when we start the budget process for next year, we will evaluate what we need for next year.

Mr. Barta said he thought it made reference to a one-time cost.

Commission Miller said that the one-time cost is to shut it down. We still need to have funds for monitoring, electricity and the Sheriff's Department is using it as well.

Commissioner Atwill said that the allocation of money is significantly more than it costs so far. There is a lot of discussion in the public that are sometimes characterized as conclusions about things that have been made by the Commission and that is unfortunate because people create ideas we have never heard of.

Mr. Barta said that he would encourage some form of communication on this issue. Most people that show livestock in the 4-H community start to plan in the October range for the next year. From what I have heard in the community, there is not an overwhelming perception that there is going to be a fair in 2016.

Commissioner Atwill said that as Commissioner Miller stated, the 4-H is under the direction of the University of Missouri Extension. The County has contributed to the cost of that. The fairgrounds is a property. The Agriculture and Mechanical Society is a separate organization, not part of the county, that coordinates the fair. They are the ones that will make the arrangements for the fair. There is the idea that this is the last year ever for the fair in the history of Boone County. The Commission has never said that. We don't promise that the fairgrounds will be available for any year beyond this one and we didn't do that for last year.

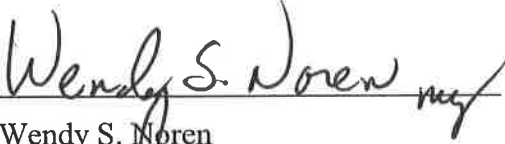
There were no further comments or questions. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Barta for coming and speaking on this issue.

8. Commissioner Reports

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Attest:


Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner



Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner