

TERM OF COMMISSION: July Session of the July Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE:

Presiding Commissioner Daniel Atwill
District I Commissioner Karen Miller
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Director Purchasing Melinda Bobbitt
Captain Chad Martin
Deputy County Clerk Mike Yaquinto

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Purchasing

1. Bid Opening 37-16JUL15 - Palis Nichols Road Asphalt Overlay, Pavement Preservation 2015

The Commission opened one bid from APAC. That bid was:

\$124,071.00 with a R.A.P. deduct of \$2.00

Commissioner Atwill said the bid will be returned to Purchasing for further evaluation.

2. First reading; Computer and peripheral Surplus Disposal

Melinda Bobbitt read the following memo:

The Purchasing Departments requests permission to dispose of the following list of surplus PC & Peripheral equipment through MRC Recycling Center. MRC Recycling will pick up our surplus at no charge. They are a State of Missouri, DNR Level Four recycling center. No computer items are land-filled. Purchasing will obtain a Certificate of Destruction, and we will let them know that we want everything recycled, not reused so nothing ends up in the landfill.

Prior to Computer surplus coming to Purchasing for disposal, Information Technology has removed the hard-drives for destruction by their department. Their procedure for PC disposal is:

Once all the data is copied or recovered for the user, IT removes the hard drive and memory from the PC. The memory is held to be used for upgrading other PCs at the county that can benefit. IT sometimes removes parts that can be used as spare if the model is current enough. (ie Power Supplies, Video Cards, etc.) The hard drive is held for a minimum of 30 days in case a user identifies something is missing. After 30 days IT may reuse the hard drive in other county PCs if there are failures. If a hard drive goes unused or fails and IT needs to physically dispose of it, they drill a 5/8" hole through the drive and the data platters. Once IT has collection of "drilled" drives, they deliver them to PC recycling vendor, MRC Recycling Center.

MRC Recycling Center certifies that they have picked up the following items and that all items will be recycled, not reused, so nothing ends up in the landfill.

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.

3. Second reading; Budget Revision to replace water heaters at the jail (1st read 7-9-15)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the following budget revision for the Sheriff's Department to replace jail water heaters.

Department	Account	Department Name	Account Name	Decrease \$	Increase \$
1123	86800	Emergency & Contingency	Emergency	29,420	
1256	92200	Sheriff/Corrections Bldg. HK/Maintenance	Repl. Buildings & Improv		29,420

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #300-2015**

4. Second reading; Bid Award 36-22JUN15 – Waters Heaters for the Boone County Sheriff (1st read 7-9-15)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby award bid 36-22JUN15 – Water Heaters for the Boone County Sheriff to J. Louis Crum Corporation of Columbia, MO.

The terms of the bid award are stipulated in the attached Contract Agreement. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said Contract Agreement.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #301-2015**

5. Second reading; Software and Maintenance Agreement for the Information Technology Department (1st read 7-14-15)

Commissioner Thompson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached agreement between Boone County and Diverse Computing, Inc. for eAgent X2 Software and Maintenance for MULES and two form factor authentication.

The terms of the Agreement are stipulated in the attached Agreement. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said Software License and Maintenance Agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #302-2015**

Sheriff's Department

6. 1st & 2nd reading; Budget Revision for purchase of new Dryer for the jail

Captain Chad Martin said there was a dryer failure to an old unit and it is not feasible to repair it and we were already going to replace it in the 2016 budget. So we are now requesting this Budget Revision with funds from the Emergency account to replace this failed dryer.

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the following budget revision for the Sheriff's Department to replace a

jail clothing dryer.

Department	Account	Department Name	Account Name	Decrease \$	Increase \$
1123	86800	Emergency & Contingency	Emergency	4,797	
1256	92300	Sheriff HK/Maintenance	Repl Machine & Equipment		4,797

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #303-2015**

7. First reading; Budget Amendments Internet Crimes Task Force

Captain Martin said the Sheriff's Department is requesting Commission approval for a Budget Amendment to close out and clean up the Cyber Crimes portion of the grant for 2015 that has already been done. The state has closed it out. We waited because this was the grant they took a long time to award and to give us the money. We were actually running some of the personnel expenses out of another department, so this cleans it up.

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Thompson 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.

REDI

8. First reading; Kraft Foods Chapter 100 Application request

Dave Griggs, sub-committee chair for REDI said he is here today with Mike Morgan of Kraft Foods and Patrick Hanlon of Deloitte to present the Kraft Foods Chapter 100 application. The first contact with REDI on this project was December 2, 2014 from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. There have been several ongoing meetings since then. A meeting was held on December 23, 2014 with REDI, city, county and Kraft officials. Nondisclosure agreements were distributed and signed at this meeting. The city was asked to address some infrastructure issues on Route B entailing widening the turn lane, adding a signal and some other things. Commissioner Miller and C. J. Dykhouse outlined the Chapter 100 policy and Kraft submitted, to the county, on May 8th, the Chapter 100 application.

Kraft plans to invest \$113,800,000 on this project in Columbia. There will be a plant expansion of 25,000 feet with significant modernization and improvements to the facility. The current facility is nearing 30 years old and the plant currently has a maximum production capacity on one million pounds of hot dogs per day. This project will increase the production capacity at this facility. Kraft currently manufactures hot dogs in other USDA inspected plants.

The request for this project is a 75% abatement on real and personal property taxes. The Chapter 100 policy adopted by the Commission in 2005 allows for a 50% abatement for a 10 year period but also gives the Commission the opportunity to declare certain projects of significance that will allow them to negotiate above the stated guidelines. Because of the significant history of Kraft and the amount of property taxes it has paid for many years, last year in the range of \$384,000, REDI and Kraft decided to present to the taxing entities a 75% abatement. We have discussed and concluded a seven year abatement on personal property

as that is the depreciable life of the assets as detailed to us and a ten year abatement on the real property.

Between 2010 and 2014, Kraft paid over \$1,616,000 real and personal property taxes. They have a very diverse and loyal workforce at this facility. I have submitted several spreadsheets that detail all the taxing entities current tax revenues as well as the 2014 tax revenue. After the project is approved and completed, which is in about two years, the taxing entities will gain over \$1,800,000 or more over a 10 year period, so they maintain a current tax base and with investment dollars, should gain \$1.8 million in revenue.

There will be a downsizing of the number of people at Kraft. This will be primarily due to the efficiency of the new equipment. Today, there are about 425 – 450 employees and at the end of this project, it is estimated to be about 350 – 400. The workforce reduction will be done through attrition. Vacancies won't be filled and as people retire, there won't be a new hire and temporary staff will not be needed so there will be no hiring of temporary staff. It is anticipated there will be no layoffs to accomplish this.

There is an item on the spreadsheet, which has been detailed with all the taxing entities in our meetings, and that is about the \$21 million in utilities specified in the proposal. Until the building is actually built, and the Assessor gets to assess what is what, we don't know if the utilities will be classified as real or personal property. If it is personal property, it depreciates out faster so it is included under personal property which, in essence, causes the highest amount of abatement to reach the taxing entities. If it is real property, it depreciates out over 42 years. This is really the only unknown other than one clearly stated to the taxing entities emphasizing that the 2014 picture is a snapshot in time. Current assets continue to depreciate and new assets are added on. Any asset purchased with this particular project and only those assets, come under the Chapter 100 abatement. The School Board, Library Board, Boone County Family Resources Board, City of Columbia and Boone County have all voted unanimously to carry this project forward for consideration before the Boone County

Commission.

Commissioner Atwill explained that this is the first reading and then next Tuesday, the Commission will consider the project and vote up or down.

Commissioner Thompson said it is helpful to understand the subject of the abatement. People get confused sometimes on the extent of the property subject to this abatement. This project is not about the current property, but only the improvements.

Dave Griggs said that is the case. There is a detailed listing of the assets and it will only pertain to those assets during the improvements.

Commissioner Miller said she would like to thank Brian McCollum for his work with all the taxing entities and getting 100% support. That is huge. The policy calls for a majority, but 100% really says the project has been vetted by the very people that the abatement will affect.

Dave Griggs said that the Boone County Chapter 100 policy is by far the most restrictive in the state of Missouri and the taxing entities actually have a say and get to evaluate the benefits and impacts of this and decide if the project is beneficial for them.

Commissioner Atwill said he appreciates the good Corporate citizenship shown by Kraft in the past and have high expectations for them in the future.

Mike Morgan thanked the Commission for their deliberations on this. These opportunities don't come along that often and they are complicated and Kraft Foods thanks you for working on this with us.

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.

Resource Management

9. Second reading; General Consultant Services Agreement with CFS Engineers (1st read 7-14-15)

Commissioner Thompson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached General Consultant Services Agreement with CFS Engineers.

The terms of the Agreement are stipulated in the attached Agreement. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said General Consultant Services Agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 2 to 0. **Order #304-2015**

Commission

10 First reading; Consultant Services Agreement with Engineering Surveys and Services related to the First Christian Church Parking Addition Project

Commissioner Miller said we have budgeted to add 15 spaces in the church lot and add them to our lease. We went through working with the church to get their approval because they have already worked with this company and they have approved all the costs. This is just the conclusion to get it signed off and get it started.

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Thompson 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.

11. Second reading; An agreement with the Friends of the Centralia Battlefield, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, for relocation of the Confederate Rock (1st read 7-14-15)

Commissioner Atwill recognized Tommy Thomas III who requested to speak on this issue before a motion was made.

Mr. Thomas said he is the one who created the petition to get the Confederate Rock memorial removed from the Boone County Courthouse. He has said plenty in the media and wants to emphasize how important this is. The rock, even though it is dedicated to the memory of soldiers of the Confederacy, why is it placed where it is. What is the purpose behind that. Is there an agenda, we don't know that, but when you are a person of color and go into the Courthouse, seeing that on the front lawn, it sends subliminal imagery.

It tells you a story you don't have a fair shot going into court. This is what you have to deal with, this is where you are, this is who you are going to fight. That is why it is completely inappropriate to have this in front of the courthouse, a place of law, a place that is supposed to represent all of the community. That is why I did this petition. Also, this community needs to heal and get over the past because Missouri has a terrible past, to be honest. Seeing some of the ignorant comments on-line, it's still here. So the question remains, what are we going to do about it. That is all I have to say about it.

Commissioner Atwill recognized Reverend Jim Bryan who said he has some comments.

Rev. Bryan said he is a resident of Columbia and an ordained pastor in Missouri for over 40

years. He is here with members of the Columbia Faith Voices and others and he is on the Board of the Missouri Faith Voices. Those with him are Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, Rev. Maureen Dickman, Connor S. Kenaston, Dennis Ferguson, Rev. Carl Kenney, Bishop Lorenzo Lawson and Casey M. Banks. The group has a written statement, which we will not read but submit for public record, which highlights many issues as perceptions and for persons of color who walk into a place of justice and whether they expect justice or not, there is a deep hurtful message.

My friends and I are here as leaders in the faith community for this area and are very much in favor of moving the rock from this location.

The Commissioners thanked Reverend Bryan for his comments.

Commissioner Atwill recognized Neil Smith who wished to speak on this issue.

Mr. Smith said he is a resident of Columbia since 1976. He is originally from northern Missouri, his father was born in Missouri and his mother was born 10 miles from Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia. I have people pulling on both sides.

My story is that I volunteered for the Army in 1971, served in Viet Nam for one year and come back to Travis Air Force Base in 1971 and it is a matter of record how we were treated for our service to America. Now I see this same thing happening again. I am not a Confederate supporter, in fact, am on the Union side, but these men, out there, with a rock dedicated to their service, they suffered a lot, their families suffered a lot and now we are trying to re-write history, just like we tried to re-write it for those of us who came back from Viet Nam. It hurts. It hurts deeply and it still does.

I participate in the Honor Guard and am afraid if we keep doing this, someone is going to say we need warriors to step forward and no one is going to come because of the way we get treated when we get back. Leave that rock where it is. If you don't like the message you think it says, ignore it. It was dedicated to the people who fought and their families and we should honor it for what it was originally intended for.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Smith for his comments.

There were no other speakers and Commissioner Atwill asked the Commission for any comments they may have.

Commissioner Miller said she was not at the meeting on Tuesday, but reading the minutes of that meeting, it is her understanding that those who placed the rock on the courthouse grounds have spoke of moving it to the battlefield because they feel that is an appropriate place for it. This is the right thing to do for our community and our country and to try to eliminate these types of issues when we can. So, I support the moving of the rock to the Centralia Battlefield.

Commissioner Thompson said she has been in Columbia since 1959. That rock was not on the courthouse grounds initially, it was at the University. It was placed here in reaction to some issues that it created at the University. I too believe that it's placement here, at the entrance of a place where those who enter a courthouse for justice, we have a symbol that creates in people an idea that justice may not be equal. It may not be equally given out and handed down by the judges in the courthouse. That creates something that those people who fought for this country and created this country, that's what our Constitution and Declaration of Independence is about. It's about justice for all. Having the rock at the entrance of the courthouse creates something that is in dissonance with the principles of what this country was founded on.

I too am in support of moving it to a historical place where we can learn from our history and say thank you for your service, but not in a courthouse, not where people have that perception that maybe justice is not legal under the law.

Commissioner Atwill said he too feels it is the proper thing to do and remove the rock from the grounds and county ownership. It is important that we understand, as elected representatives, we represent all the people of this county. When we have an element of our population that feels that something is a thorn in their side, like this, because it is a constant reminder of unpleasant things, we have a responsibility and not to stand fast and say just get

over it. We need to remove that thorn and bring all people together in a way that maybe we haven't been together in the past. Change is occurring in this country. It happens all the time. A lot of the time we don't recognize we are in the middle of change. It's going to occur whether we participate or not.

I'm very much in favor and taking this rock and moving it to a place that is appropriate and that is of historical significance. There is no re-writing of history, the rock has not always been here. Intrinsically, it has no history. It has a monument marker on it that recognizes those who served and there is nothing wrong with that. It is not exactly a giant part of history. It's a monument. There are places where monuments are appropriate and places where they are not. This one, unfortunately, is located in a place that is not appropriate. The right thing to do is to move it.

Commissioner Atwill asked if there is a motion on this issue.

Commissioner Thompson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between Boone County and Friends of the Centralia Battlefield.

The terms of the Memorandum are stipulated in the attached. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #305-2015**

Public comment

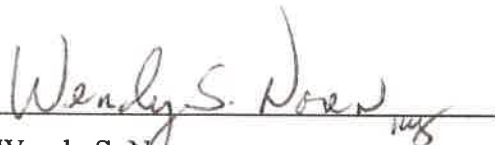
None


12. Commissioner Reports

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.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