

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Daniel Atwill  
District I Commissioner Fred Parry  
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson  
Director Joint Communications Chad Martin  
Deputy County Clerk Michelle Thompson

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

### **Joint Communications**

#### **1. First reading; Cooperative Agreement between Boone County and the Osage Beach Fire Protection District – Mutual Aid Emergency Communication Services**

Chad Martin explained that the city of Osage Beach is hosting the Can-Am Police Fire Games for 2018 and they requested additional staffing assistance to other communication centers and we have agreed to help them. They have asked for help with communications for three different days.

Commissioner Atwill asked if they had sports networks involved in that as he thought he has seen it on television before.

Chad Martin said he wasn't sure.

Commissioner Atwill asked how many people we will be sending down there.

Chad Martina said so far, six.

Commissioner Thompson asked if he would be able to let us know if there is a schedule and if people can go see stuff.

Chad Martin said there is a website that has the event schedule on it. Can-Am Police Games 2018.

There were no further comments or questions from the Commission.

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.

**The 4-H group of visitors arrived**

Commissioner Atwill welcomed the 4H group. He asked that each student introduce themselves and make a statement about the projects they are involved with. The students present were:

Abe – Adventures: Smallbore rifle, archery

Liam – Adventures: Archery

Calvin – Adventures: Smallbore rifle, small engines

Kay – Adventures: Smallbore rifle, archery, international foods

Abigail – Woodlandville: Horses, cooking, sewing

Oliver – Adventures: Horses, gardening

Jacob – Adventures: Public speaking

Eli – Adventures: Archery

Anna – Adventures: not sure yet

Ruby – Adventures: Cake decorating

Caleb – Sturgeon Goalseekers: Livestock, electricity

Commissioner Atwill welcomed them again to Boone County Offices. He explained that as a county official, he has noticed that the county gets very little publication about what is going on at this level. You have cities, you have the state, and then you have the federal government, and if we do our job well, we don't have a lot of discussion with the public but we do handle a lot of different things, all the way from being responsible for the court system, the budgeting for all the officers and departments in the county, and management of ten different departments including the Road and Bridge department and Emergency Services and 911. The director was just here before us presenting us with some information about an upcoming event.

So, there is quite a bit to know about county government if you are interested. It's worthwhile I think for you to take some time to delve into it. We are very fortunate in Boone County compared to other counties, we have a sizable population, which is a trigger for a lot of things. If you notice if you ever drive on county roads in other counties, there is a definite difference. You won't see quite the attention to maintenance and detail in any of our adjacent, friendly counties. We have a very good Road and Bridge Department and the voters support a tax to help them do their job.

Commissioner Parry asked who was going to be showing at the fair this year.

Several children raised their hands and explained what they would be showing, which included:

Horses, woodworking projects, dairy, meat, cake decorating.

Commissioner Thompson brought up a program that she thought would be a very interesting project for 4-H and encouraged them to do, I-Civics. I-Civics is a program that has been put together by the National Association of Counties, and it was created in large part by Justice O'Connor. It is a wonderful project. You can get on the website and do projects as if you

were an elected official in county government. So, it really gives you a flavor of what government feels like.

Steven Hennessey wanted to point out to the students how they can access the I-Civics page from their Citizenship Project.

Commissioner Parry asked if anyone had any questions about anything they have seen today.

It was asked what this room was used for.

Commissioner Atwill explained that this room is the Commission Chambers and is used for the weekly meetings. It is where the Commissioners conduct business that is open to the public. He explained that these meetings are all recorded and transcribed and become the official record of the county and that we have records going all the way back to the 1800s. The Chambers is also used for a variety of things from holiday meals to boards and commissions using it. It is a heavily used room.

Chad Martin came to the front to explain to the students what he just presented the Commission with before they came in.

Commissioner Atwill explained that the county has a budget of about 80 million dollars annually, with almost 800 miles of roads to maintain. We have a lot of roads that require a lot of equipment to maintain them and 80 million dollars is quickly used when you get into heavy equipment. One third of the budget goes to law enforcement and the court system. So, that is a very expensive operation when you have a place to house people 24 hours a day and provide all the things that they must have. There are a lot of different things the county is involved with and we can only begin to scratch the surface by showing you around some of the offices today. Hopefully, it will generate interest on your part to be more involved with county government. In my opinion, having been here a few years, the difference between

Boone County and a lot of other counties is the fact that our volunteers are always extraordinary. We have people that have high level degrees from the University who participate in very sophisticated committees and do an unbelievably good job.

Commissioner Parry stated that he would suggest for all the students to stay very active in 4-H as it is a great organization. He was lucky enough to have it where he grew up and he had a great experience and that 4-H looks great on a resume. It is one of the best leadership opportunities.

Steven Henness wanted to thank the Commission for all the information they gave. He said that the three clubs represented there today do a lot of service and volunteer work and they are always looking for ideas for new projects and asked if there were things going on in the county where 4-H clubs could be more involved whether it be a day of an event of something that might be an ongoing issue that the county is addressing where young people with the support of leaders could play a part.

Commissioner Atwill explained that his observation is that we need more people involved with 4-H. And if there is some way Steven Henness could encourage that, and the existing participants could have a lot to do with that, but he did not have a good idea of how to go about that. All people benefit from this kind of experience and it would be nice if we had a lot more people in Columbia and other communities involved.

Commissioner Parry said he didn't think that people realize that county commissions across the state are required to provide financial support for University Extension, which is the primary host of 4-H clubs across the state, and I think a lot of commissioners would tell you they are frustrated that there aren't more kids involved in 4-H. I think in Boone County we have 550 kids involved, which is pretty impressive. I think to do whatever you can to be out front and center and to let the media the know when you are doing projects to raise awareness of what is happening.

Commissioner Thompson said one program I think is still going on is the involvement through the Senior Counsel with Heifer Project, with the trips down to Heifer Ranch in Arkansas. That kind of activity and bringing home the knowledge and experience gained at Heifer is something that really can have an impact here in Boone County because although we are rich in resources here, we have huge food insecurity in this county. So, that is something that the experiences at Heifer Project could be translated into action here on the ground. So, I would encourage everyone here in this room to participate in the Heifer Project. Those kinds of activities that you do while in 4-H really showcase your ability to make change.

There were no more comments or questions.

**Collector**

2. **Second reading; Tax Collection Agreement the Village of Harrisburg and Boone County (1<sup>st</sup> read 5-31-18)**

Commissioner Parry moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Tax Collection Agreement between Boone County and the Village of Harrisburg.

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

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #291-2018**

**Commission**

**3. First & Second reading; Application for Organizational Use of Boone County  
Conference Rooms: Renew Missouri**

Commissioner Thompson moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Organizational Use of the Boone County Government Center Chambers by Renew Missouri on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #292-2018**

**4. First & Second reading; Application for Organizational Use of Boone County  
Conference Rooms: Osage Group-Sierra Club**

Commissioner Parry moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Organizational Use of the Boone County Government Center Chambers by Osage Group-Sierra Club on August 1<sup>st</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:25 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #293-2018**

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Commission Reports**

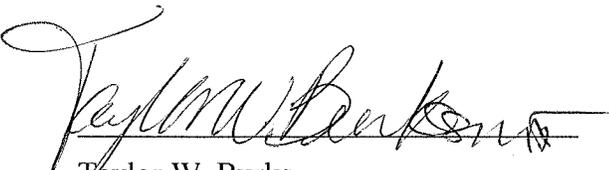
Commissioner Parry wanted to officially welcome the 4-H youth for Government Day to Boone County. We appreciate having you all here and thank you for taking time out of your day to be here with us.

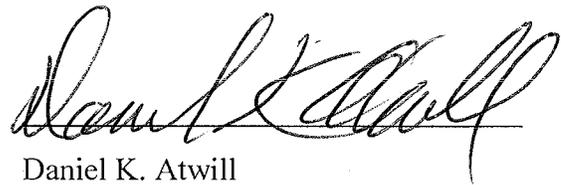
Commissioner Thompson said I will be heading to Los Angeles for a conference, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, there are representatives there from every state as well as New Zealand. So, I will be speaking at that conference tomorrow and I hope to bring back information about affordable housing for Boone County.

The were no other comments.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

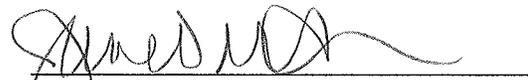
Attest:

  
Taylor W. Burks  
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Fred J. Parry  
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