

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the April Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center  
Boone County Conference Room 301

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill  
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred  
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson  
Director of Community Services Joanne Nelson  
Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

**Conference Call Information:**

**Number: 425-585-6224 Access Code: 802-162-168**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.

**Community Services**

**1. First Reading: Amendment #1 to Contract Agreement # CTF-CB-2002**

Boone County Community Services Director Joanne Nelson stated this is a three-year grant. The goal is to get it established, then move forward to eventually transition the funding to the Health Department to continue to deliver the services of the program. Director Nelson stated this contract was due to end in June, but there were carry over funds they were allowing organizations to use. Director Nelson stated this is allowing the City to take over the these funds because they have a Brighter Beginnings Specialist who has been coordinating these efforts.

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

## Commission

### 2. Public Comment

None

### 3. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Thompson stated, this morning, she had a tour of the Aurora Organic Dairy Plant and was accompanied by Columbia's new mayor, Mayor Buffaloe. Commissioner Thompson stated they have fabulous new machines that are state of the art and they are stunning to watch. Commissioner Thompson stated one of the machines puts the quart container together and within a second, the bottle is filled with milk, and is stunning to watch. Commissioner Thompson stated one of the things the plant manager talked about was his concern about the I-70/ US 63 interchange. Commissioner Thompson stated she told the plant manager that Commissioner Atwill had participated in the initial conversation with stakeholders, facilitated by MoDOT, and hopefully this project will get underway soon. Commissioner Thompson stated the other concern was Waco Road. Commissioner Thompson stated it was helpful to have Mayor Buffaloe there hearing those concerns. Commissioner Thompson stated the plant manager explained that so often, they look out the windows and there is an accident right at their door. Commissioner Atwill asked "Was he interested in the extension of Waco Road to Hwy 63?" Commissioner Thompson stated the plant manager had remarked that both extensions would be great, but clearly the smaller one is the one that would push Waco Road further west and attach to Hwy. 63. Commissioner Atwill asked "Is there a known fix to the intersection collision problem at Route B and Waco Road?" Commissioner Thompson stated there is so much traffic coming down through there, she thinks people take chances while sitting at the light. Commissioner Thompson stated people are trying to get to work so the whole thing about finding a public transit solution for the plants would be helpful in reducing traffic. Commissioner Thompson stated there are so many people on the corridor, and so much is dependent on that corridor now. Commissioner Thompson stated when she went out there this morning, it was a little after 9:30am and there were eight tankers of milk lined up. Commissioner Thompson went on to say that the plant manager told her he went through the Hwy 63/ Route B interchange one day last week and looked in his rearview mirror as he heard loud booms. Because someone had tried to skate around, other cars and an accident had resulted. Commissioner Thompson stated when MoDOT talks about straight flats roads are conducive to people driving too fast, that's what Route B is like - people are treating it like a raceway. Commissioner Thompson stated MoDOT needs to look at Route B again and figure out some ways to take some pressure off that road. Commissioner Atwill stated he would bring these issues up at the next MoDOT study session about the improvements along I-70 through Columbia. Commissioner Atwill stated it was made very clear that they didn't want to get engaged in things that weren't immediately adjacent, but that this is where all our industry is with the big trucks. Commissioner Thompson stated the area is just going to get worse as Swift

will be added in that area, and with the Swift addition, they are too close to put another traffic light at their entrance. Commissioner Thompson stated if that's the case, there are going to be accidents galore trying to get in and out of Swift, unless they have a back way to get in to and out of the plant. Commissioner Thompson stated she hopes the Mayor and City Manager continue to consider how to use their bus service to help move employees up and down Route B.

Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon  
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill  
Presiding Commissioner



Justin Aldred  
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson  
District II Commissioner