

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the January Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick  
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred  
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson  
Captain Brian Leer  
Environmental Public Health Supervisor Chrystal Smart  
Boone County Collector Brian McCollum  
Senior Accountant Heather Acton  
Deputy Director of Community Services Kristin Cummins  
Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer  
Deputy Boone 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 and roll call was taken.

**Commission**

- 1. First and Second Reading: Proclamation Recognizing March 2023 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month**

Commissioner Kendrick stated Boone County Family Resources is a quasi-governmental agency in Boone County that provides tremendous services to our County. It is a model for

providing case management services for individuals with developmental disabilities, not only in the State of Missouri, but in the nation as well.

Commissioner Kendrick read the following Proclamation:

**Whereas,** the disability experience is a natural part of life and is valued as a part of our rich diversity; and

**Whereas,** the most effective way to increase awareness is through education regarding the disability experience and the systemic barriers that reduce the likelihood of those with developmental disabilities enjoying equitable experiences and living independent, productive lives within their communities; and

**Whereas,** equitable experiences and full inclusion are matters of social justice, so creating equitable and inclusive environments is a responsibility shared by everyone; and

**Whereas,** we as a community are capably positioned to “Move Beyond the Conversation”; and

**Whereas,** policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and equitable experiences offered to all individuals, including those with developmental disabilities; and

**Whereas,** citizens should do all within their power to recognize the value of the disability experience in our lives and the role it has in the diversity of our community; to create ways to include everyone in all aspects of life; and to understand the losses when communities segregate and create barriers for those with developmental disabilities.

**Therefore,** we, the Boone County Commission, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in the County of Boone, Missouri, recognizing the importance of individuals of all abilities to our community and that our community is stronger when everyone participates.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record, a Proclamation recognizing March 2023 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #118-2023**

## Health Department

### 2. First and Second Reading: Public Nuisance - Parcel# 11-504-22-02-020.00 01

Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor Chrystal Smart stated there was a home on this property, but it burned down, and there are now, what she believes to be unauthorized people living on the property. Ms. Smart stated there has been a camper set up with no wastewater connections, and trash and junk have accumulated from the people being there. Ms. Smart stated they have been unable to speak with the owners of this property.

Commissioner Thompson asked if the plates from the car in the pictures have been run to find out who owns it. Ms. Smart stated she doesn't have the ability to run the plates, but when the Sheriff goes out to abate the property, he can run the plates. Commissioner Thompson stated if they could figure out if the car belongs to the squatters, they would be able to proceed from there. Ms. Smart stated she has the original photograph on her phone and will be able to have the plates run.

Commissioner Kendrick stated, that from the discussion they have had on this property, he would feel more comfortable having a further conversation with the Department Director at the meeting next week rather than second reading this item today. Commissioner Kendrick stated they know this property will be tricky to move through the abatement process. Boone County Collector Brian McCollum stated his office had contact with the property owner earlier this month. Mr. McCollum stated the owner has been out of the area, and once she returned, she had been trying to take care of the delinquent tax bill on the property. Mr. McCollum stated he can provide the contact information for the property owner to the Health Department to do follow up.

Commissioner Thompson moved that this item be tabled to a future date to be determined by and communicated to the Clerk by the Presiding Commissioner. Commissioner Aldred seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## Auditor's Office

### 3. First Reading: Budget Amendment – Department 2850 – Correct Class 9 Budget

Senior Accountant Heather Acton stated this is for the Administrative Justice Fund, which is under the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court's control. Ms. Acton stated there was a data entry error. It was presented in the Court's budget; it just didn't get entered in the iBMi.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

## Community Services

### **4. First Reading: Strategic Innovation Opportunity Agreement – Boone County Nature School**

Deputy Director of Community Services Kristin Cummins read the following memo:

The Community Services Department requests approval for the Boone County Nature School contract for Columbia Public Schools. The contract was submitted by Columbia Public School as a Strategic Innovation Opportunity to the Boone County Children's Services Fund. The contract will support programming provided at the Boone County Nature School by a Columbia Public Schools teacher. The Boone County Nature School will be accessed by all Boone County school districts.

The contract will begin upon approval by the Boone County Commission and extend through December 31, 2023, with two options for a one-year renewal. A total of \$66,668.00 will be provided through Department Number 2161 and Account Number 71106. The current fund balance is \$500,000.00.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

## Human Resources

### **5. First Reading: Conversion of Position 955, Sheriff's Hiring Investigator, from One Full-Time to Two Part-Time Positions**

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this request from the Sheriff's Office is to take one full time Investigator position and convert it into two non-benefitted positions that are under 1,000 hours. Director Wehmeyer stated this is a short-term request, and the Sheriff's Office would like to be able to convert them back to one full-time, benefitted position in the future.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

### **6. First Reading: Request to Hire Above FHR - Dispatch Certification Instructor**

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this request comes from Joint Communications to allow a current employee to have an additional part-time pool position as a Dispatch Certification Instructor at \$25.00 an hour.

Director Wehmeyer stated this rate of pay is consistent with the last person that was in this position, and this candidate has lots of experience in law enforcement and plans to get their certification in order to be an instructor.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

## Collector

### 7. First and Second Reading: 2017 Abatements

Boone County Collector Brian McCollum stated this is the annual abatement order of property taxes. Mr. McCollum stated they keep five tax years on the active file and on March 1, when the new Collector term begins, they drop off the oldest one. Mr. McCollum stated this mainly represents the personal property taxes from 2017 that they were unable to collect, the property was sold through a delinquent tax sale, the property was no longer subject to taxation due to being acquired by a tax-exempt owner, or bankruptcy or probate proceedings have taken place. Mr. McCollum stated the total is \$135,799.52. Mr. McCollum stated, just because they are removed from the active tax roll, if the opportunity presents, they can go back and collect those taxes.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone, pursuant to Chapter 139 RSMo, does hereby authorize the Boone County Collector, Brian McCollum, for the 2017 tax bill year, to strike from the delinquent tax rolls, property tax balances on real estate tax, personal property tax, railroad and utility, nuisance abatements and community improvement district assessments as follows:

State	\$	565.67
County	\$	4,420.93
School Districts	\$	112,650.28
Cities	\$	6,009.42
Fire Districts	\$	4,214.90
Library Districts	\$	5,888.29
Surtax	\$	333.60
Nuisance	\$	773.80
Common Road	\$	928.37
Centralia Common Road	\$	14.26
Total	\$	<u>135,799.52</u>

These 2017 real estate taxes, personal property taxes, railroad and utility, nuisance abatements and community improvement district assessments are stricken for the following reasons:

- After due diligence, the Collector cannot locate the owners; or
- Bankruptcy or probate proceedings have intervened making the balances due uncollectible; or,
- The real estate property was sold via a Post-Third Offering Delinquent Tax Certificate Sale; or,
- The real estate property was not subject to taxation after being acquired by a tax-exempt owner after January 1 of the taxable year.

The above total of \$135,799.52 breaks out as follows:

- Personal property \$ 109,774.46
- Bankruptcy and/or probate \$ 2,573.74
- Post-third tax sale \$ 773.80
- Tax exempt acquisitions \$ 22,677.52

The following tax amounts represent 2016 and prior tax bills that were previously stricken from the delinquent tax rolls in Boone County. The tax amounts were added back to the delinquent tax rolls and collected and distributed to the taxing entities during the period of March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.

State	\$	21.90
County	\$	170.60
School Districts	\$	3,993.74
Cities	\$	200.63
Fire Districts	\$	222.72
Library Districts	\$	270.24
Common Road Districts	\$	35.92
Total	\$	<u>4,915.75</u>

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #119-2023**

#### **Boone County Sheriff's Office**

#### **8. Second Reading: K-9 Basic Training Agreement with the Howard County Sheriff's Office – First Read 03.14.23**

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached K-9 Basic Training Agreement with the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #120-2023**

**Boone County Office of Emergency Management****9. Second Reading: Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) grant application – First Read 03.14.23**

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) grant application.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #121-2023**

**Commission****10. First and Second Reading: Proclamation Honoring Rev. David P. Ballenger**

Commissioner Thompson stated there will be a community event honoring the Reverend David P. Ballenger this weekend. Commissioner Thompson stated the Reverend Ballenger has been an integral part of the community in Boone County, especially at Log Providence Baptist Church, and the community at large. Commissioner Thompson stated by recognizing him, we honor his work on behalf of this community.

Commissioner Thompson read the following Proclamation:

**Whereas,** David P. Ballenger was born and raised in Columbia, Missouri., where he attended Columbia Public Schools before pursuing further education at Missouri State University (Truman State), Moody Bible College, and Western Baptist Bible College; and

**Whereas,** David accepted Christ as his Savior as a young boy while attending Second Baptist Church of Columbia; and

**Whereas,** in 1968, David and Ms. Sandra K. Williams married, embarking upon a lifelong journey together; and

**Whereas,** David came to Log Providence Missionary Baptist Church in 1983, preaching the Word and ministering to the members, diligently and lovingly leading God's people into a closer relationship with Him; and

**Whereas,** in late 1983, the Reverend Ballenger accepted the request by church members to serve as head minister of Log Providence and, in March 1984, he was formally installed as the Shepherd of this great historic church, which was founded by freed slaves in 1866; and

- Whereas,** Pastor Ballenger has also served his community in a variety of ways, including membership on the Columbia Board of Education for eight years, two of which were as President, and membership on both the University of Missouri Children’s Hospital Board and the Columbia Regional Hospital Board of Directors; and
- Whereas,** Pastor Ballenger retired from IBM Corporation after 30 years of service, after which he went on to be a realtor with House of Brokers, where he used his knowledge and experience to help church members and members of the community in securing good housing and guiding them through the maze of real estate transactions; and
- Whereas,** Pastor Ballenger and his wife, Sandra have a son, Kelley (and Giselle) Ballenger; a daughter, Andrea (and Marco) Tapia; and are the proud grandparents of seven boys; and
- Whereas,** the members of Log Providence feel very blessed to have Pastor Ballenger as their Pastor and friend and celebrate that he and Sister Sandra Ballenger have now been a dedicated part of their faith community for 40 years.
- Therefore,** we do hereby recognize the contributions of the Reverend David P. Ballenger to Log Providence Missionary Baptist Church and honor him for 40 continuous years of faithful service to this community.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record, a Proclamation recognizing Rev. David P. Ballenger.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #122-2023**

11. Public Comment

None

12. Commissioner Reports

None



Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon  
Clerk of the County Commission

  
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Kip Kendrick

Presiding Commissioner

  
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Justin Aldred  
District I Commissioner

  
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Janet M. Thompson  
District II Commissioner