

TERM OF COMMISSION: June Session of the April 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
Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer
Boone County 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 and roll call was taken.

Proclamation

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Juneteenth

Commissioner Aldred read the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declared free the enslaved people in Confederate territory, setting the stage for the passing of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

Whereas, following the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House in April 1865, Union soldiers made their way to Texas, where slavery had not only continued, due to a lack of large-scale fighting or significant presence of Union troops, but had actually increased as enslavers from other states moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery; and

Whereas, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, U.S. General Gordon Granger announced, “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the

Executive of the United States, all slaves are free,” signaling freedom for Texas’ 250,000 enslaved people; and

Whereas, in light of this announcement, celebrations broke out among the newly freed Black people and, one year later, on June 19, 1866, freedmen in Texas organized the inaugural celebration of what would become known as Juneteenth; and

Whereas, in the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, prayer services, barbecues, and other activities, and, as Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country, the Juneteenth tradition spread; and

Whereas, now 157 years later, Juneteenth is considered the longest running African American holiday and, on June 17, 2021, was recognized as a federal holiday; and

Whereas, honoring the end to slavery in the United States, Juneteenth marks our nation’s second Independence Day.

Therefore, the Boone County Commission does hereby honor Juneteenth and its significance in the history of our nation and encourages all Boone Countians to join together in celebration of this holiday.

Commissioner Kendrick stated he admits he did not learn of Juneteenth until relatively late in life. Commissioner Kendrick stated he had been in Columbia and actively engaged in the community for ten years before really understanding the history here with the land clearance and the Sharp End business district, and all the homes that were taken. Commissioner Kendrick stated this history is, at best, untold and forgotten and, at worst, there have been active efforts to erase this history. He said it is critically important to teach and understand the history, and to make sure it remains part of the collective consciousness for every generation.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record a Proclamation in Recognition of Juneteenth.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #273-2023**

Human Resources

2. First and Second Reading: Request to Hire Above FHR for Position 989, Cybersecurity Administrator

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this is the first time this position has been filled. Director Wehmeyer stated this candidate has many years of experience and one of his responsibilities was helping other companies evaluate their own security. Director Wehmeyer stated there is only one of these positions so it will not cause any internal inequity within the department.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the flexible hiring maximum for position 989, Cybersecurity Administrator, and does hereby authorize an annual salary of \$73,600.00 for said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #274-2023**

3. First and Second Reading: Request to Hire Above FHR for Position 829, Risk Management Specialist

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this candidate has over twenty years of insurance experience underwriting property and casualty claims and several years' experience in a management role.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the flexible hiring maximum for position 829, Risk Management Specialist, and does hereby authorize an annual salary of \$60,028.80 for said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #275-2023**

4. First and Second Reading: Request to Transfer above Authorized Transfer Salary for Position 1102, Deputy Director, Facilities Maintenance

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this is a current employee who has been promoted to the Deputy Director position in Facilities Maintenance. Director Wehmeyer stated this employee has a long tenure with the County, and she feels this position fits this employee. Director Wehmeyer stated, while they are requesting to transfer above the authorized salary, this employee is currently taking on more than what she is responsible for and, as the Deputy Director, will be taking on more tasks.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the flexible hiring maximum for Position 1102, Deputy Director, Facilities Maintenance, and does hereby authorize an annual salary of \$69,638.40 for said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #276-2023**

5. First and Second Reading: Request to Hire above Flexible Hiring Range for Position 535, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Commission

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this candidate has nine years of relevant experience along with fifteen years' experience working in the public sector. Director

Wehmeyer stated there will be inequity with this hire but the Commission, along with HR, have been talking about ways to address that issue. Director Wehmeyer stated there are funds available for this request but since they are not currently in the staff budget for this position, a budget revision will also need to be done.

Commissioner Thompson stated this candidate brings a wealth of experience to their office that will complement their current staff and allow them to expand what their office can do on behalf of County Government and, ultimately, the people of Boone County.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a request to hire above the flexible hiring maximum for Position 535, Commission, and does hereby authorize an hourly rate of \$23.00 for the salary of said position.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #277-2023**

Resource Management

6. Second Reading: Accept and Receive Quitclaim Deed – First Read 06.13.23

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby accept and receive the Quitclaim Deed between NBC, Inc and Boone County which was executed July 25, 2005, and recorded in Boone County Records Book 2778, page 145 on July 28, 2005.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #278-2023**

Purchasing

7. Second Reading: Surplus Transfer – 10x15 Equipment Shelter & Improvements – First Read 06.13.23

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached surplus transfer.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #279-2023**

Sheriff's Office

8. Second Reading: Sedalia Police Department K-9 Maintenance Training Agreement (Two Contracts) First Read 06.13.23

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the two attached K-9 Maintenance Training Agreements between Boone County and the Sedalia Police Department.

The terms of the Agreement are set out in the attached and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #280-2023**

IT

9. Second Reading: Consultant Agreement with Ryan Irish for IT Department – First Read 06.13.23

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Consultant Agreement between Boone County and Ryan Irish.

The terms of the Agreement are set out in the attached and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #281-2023**

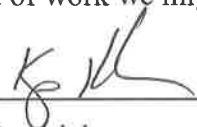
10. Public Comment

None

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Thompson stated she had the opportunity to meet with a woman from Polk County, Iowa, and talk with her about efforts they are making within the school system to enhance the opportunities for kids coming into school with deficits. Commissioner Thompson stated she is putting her in touch with the people at NACo and with Director Joanne Nelson from Boone County Community Services to see what kind of work we might be able to do with Des Moines, Iowa.

Attest:



Kip Kendrick

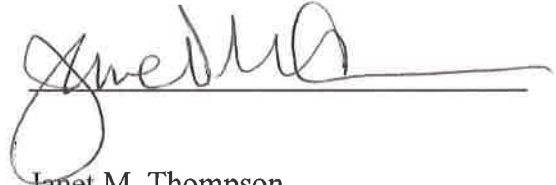
Presiding Commissioner



Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner