

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
Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services
Director Stephanie Browning
Director of Community Services Joanne Nelson
Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse
Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo
Accountant II Aaron Neugarten
Sr. Accountant/ Financial Analyst Heather Acton
Director of Resource Management Bill Florea
Boone County Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

Public: Reverend Clyde Ruffin, Second Missionary Baptist Church

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 Honoring Second Missionary Baptist Church's Commitment to the Life and Legacy of James T. Scott**

Commissioner Thompson stated that, a few weeks ago, the Commission recognized and remembered the horrific murder of James T. Scott, who was a member of Second Missionary Baptist Church. Commissioner Thompson stated that proclamation recognized this community's responsibility and sin in that action. Commissioner Thompson stated this proclamation is being put into place and will be part of Boone County's permanent record to recognize the commitment of Second Missionary Baptist Church in so many ways, not just to Mr. Scott who was an upstanding member of the community and was murdered because of the color of his skin. Commissioner Thompson stated it is important to recognize how dedicated both the pastors and the laity of Second Missionary Baptist Church have been to this community, to always champion hard and important causes.

Commissioner Thompson read the following proclamation:

- Whereas, as our community reflects on the 100th commemoration of the harrowing death of James T. Scott, it is imperative that we also reflect on the role of Second Missionary Baptist Church in support of Mr. Scott during his life and its commitment to his legacy after his death; and
- Whereas, in 1919, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lyle Caston moved to Columbia to serve as pastor of Second Missionary Baptist Church, a vibrant faith community founded in 1866; and
- Whereas, later the same year, James T. Scott and his children moved to Columbia to be closer to his mother, Sarah, and began attending Second Missionary Baptist Church, where Sarah had worshipped for many years; and
- Whereas, Mr. Scott and Ms. Gertrude Carter were married by the Rev. Jonathan Caston in the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church, on February 23, 1921, where they would continue to be faithful members; and
- Whereas, on April 20, 1923, Regina Almstedt, the 14-year-old daughter of a professor of German, was assaulted while walking across Stewart Road Bridge on her way home from a music lesson; soon after, Mr. Scott was arrested based on the victim's description, despite his unrelenting insistence on his innocence and the testimony as to his innocence of his colleagues from the University of Missouri Medical School; and
- Whereas, the Rev. Caston, upon hearing of the charges leveled against his faithful congregant, sprang into action and sought the assistance of George L. Vaughn, a prominent attorney and special NAACP representative, who contacted Governor Arthur M. Hyde on the night of the lynching and urged him to activate the local chapter of the National Guard; and
- Whereas, that same night, a week after the crime, an angry mob forcibly removed the door of Mr. Scott's jail cell with a blow torch and led him, with a noose around his neck, to

the Stewart Road Bridge, off of which the crowd pushed him, lynching him before he had the chance to present his case in court; and

Whereas, later on the morning of his death, April 29, 1923, Mr. Scott was cut down and buried hastily, without a funeral, in an unmarked grave located in the segregated section of Columbia Cemetery; and

Whereas, during the tumult of this time, the Rev. Caston's bold and courageous efforts to save Mr. Scott, and later to seek justice for him, made him one of the most visible leaders of the Black community to publicly oppose the lynching, as well as making him a target for threats against his life; and

Whereas, despite these threats, the Rev. Caston remained steadfast in his devotion to his church family at Second Baptist Church and Columbia, continuing to serve this community devastated by this tragic and unnecessary injustice until 1925; and

Whereas, in 2010, under the leadership of the Rev. Clyde Ruffin, the congregation of Second Missionary Baptist Church came together with a vision to honor Mr. Scott by placing an appropriate headstone on his then-unmarked grave, a vision which, with local and national support, was realized after only eight months of planning and fundraising; and

Whereas, on April 30, 2011, descendants of Regina Almstedt, Charles Nutter (the journalism student who documented the lynching), and the family of the Rev. Jonathan Caston, as well as over 1,000 celebrants, came together for a memorial service and processional march to honor Mr. Scott's humanity, to celebrate his life and legacy, to begin the healing process for these families, and to share in the commitment to a future in which people of all races will be able to live together in peace and receive the fundamental rights of equal justice under the law.

Therefore, the Boone County Commission does hereby recognize and commend the commitment of Second Missionary Baptist Church to honoring the life and legacy of Mr. James T. Scott, and its continual work toward a future of peace and racial equality.

Reverend Clyde Ruffin stated, on behalf of the church, he would like to thank the Commission. Reverend Ruffin stated that, so many times, people do work because their hearts are in the right place; they do not do it for the recognition. Reverend Ruffin stated recognition that becomes an important part of history is always welcome.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record this Proclamation Recognizing Second Missionary Baptist Church's Commitment to the Life and Legacy of James T. Scott.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #282-2023**

Joint Communications

2. First and Second Reading: Approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Mission Critical Partners, LLC

Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse stated this contract would authorize certain consultant services with Mission Critical Partners, LLC, which will support our mission at Joint Communications/911. Counselor Dykhouse stated they will assist with the national search for the permanent Director position and, while that is being done, they will also help ensure we are using national best practice standards. Counselor Dykhouse stated this group is accustomed to working with accredited 911 dispatch companies around the country and he thinks the contract will be very helpful to the County.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Consulting Services Agreement with Mission Critical Partners, LLC.

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

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #283-2023**

Auditor

3. First Reading: Budget Revision - Dept 2711 Consulting Fees

Accountant II Aaron Neugarten stated this revision will cover consulting fees for the contract Counselor Dykhouse just discussed, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

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.

4. First Reading: Budget Revision - Dept 1121 - Cover Hire Over FHR

Sr. Accountant/Financial Analyst Heather Acton stated the Commission Office has a personnel request to hire above FHR. Ms. Acton stated this revision will move some funds from the IT budget to the Commission budget. Ms. Acton stated the Commissioners have a salary increase pool that includes all the Directors and their staff and, since the Directors are paid out of a different cost center, this will be the appropriation from one cost center to another to cover the overage.

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.

Health Department

5. First Reading: Ashland Animal Control Cooperative Agreement

Columbia/Boone County Public Health & Human Services Director Stephanie Browning stated this agreement between Boone County and the City of Ashland will provide animal control services in the Ashland city limits. Director Browning stated the City of Ashland will pay the County a rate of \$46.84 an hour for each hour animal control officers spend responding to calls in their jurisdiction. Total reimbursement will not exceed \$6,000.00.

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.

Purchasing

6. First Reading: Award of RFB 09-23MAY23 for the Boone County Jail Chiller Replacement (C000642) to Environmental Engineering, Inc. for the Boone County Sheriff's Office and the Boone County Facilities Maintenance Department

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo:

The formal bid opening for RFB 09-23MAY23 for the Boone County Jail Chiller Replacement for the Boone County Facilities Maintenance Department and the Boone County Sheriff's Office was conducted shortly after 11:00 A.M. on May 23, 2023. The County received the following four bids:

- (1) Harold G Butzer, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri – total bid price is \$298,400.00;
- (2) Integrated Facilities Services, Inc. of Columbia, Missouri – total bid price is \$288,000.00;
- (3) Environmental Engineering, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri– total bid price is \$281,580.00; and
- (4) United Mechanical Services of Jefferson City, Missouri – total bid price is \$299,650.00.

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.

Community Services

7. First Reading: Strategic Innovation Opportunity – Heart of Missouri United Way

Director of Community Services Joanne Nelson read the following memo:

The Community Services Department requests approval for the 2023 State of Inclusivity Conference: Keynote Speaker Britt Hawthorne with Heart of Missouri United Way. The contract was submitted by Heart of Missouri United Way as a Strategic Innovation Opportunity to the Boone County Children's Services Fund. The contract will pay for a keynote speaker at the 2023 State of Inclusivity Conference organized by the Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence. The contract will begin upon approval by the Boone County Commission and extend until the final installment is provided to Heart of Missouri United Way. A total of \$12,500.00 will be provided through department number 2161 and account number 71106. The current fund balance is \$433,332.00.

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.

8. First Reading: Contract Amendment Number One – Great Futures Start Here

Director of Community Services Joanne Nelson read the following memo:

The Community Services Department requests approval for Contract Amendment One to Boone County contract #C000570 for the Children's Services Fund, dated March 3, 2023, between Boone County and Boys and Girls Clubs of the Columbia Area.

The amendment will extend the current contract for an additional six months, beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2023, and will add \$139,697.08 in funds, which will be provided through department number 2162 and account number 71106.

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.

Resource Management

9. First and Second Reading: Adoption of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order of Approval relative to a conditional use permit for Faye Nowell Trust on behalf of Linda Munden at 5550 W. Gillespie Bridge Road, Columbia, Mo.

Director of Resource Management Bill Florea stated the County Commission held a hearing on this and various other items, during which they approved this conditional use permit. Director

Florea stated the adoption of findings of fact and conclusion of law is the last step in the process.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law relative to a conditional use permit for Faye Nowell Trust on behalf of Linda Munden for a Boarding Kennel/Dog Day Care on 3.65 acres at 5550 W. Gillespie Bridge Road, Columbia, Mo.

It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign the attached Order of Approval.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #284-2023**

10. Second Reading: Budget Amendment - Dept 2142 - Roll PY Remaining Grant Budget – First Read 06.08.23 Open Public Hearing

Commissioner Kendrick opened and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Budget Amendment for Department 2142.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #285-2023**

11. Public Comment

None

12. Commissioner Reports

None

Attest:



Kip Kendrick
Presiding Commissioner



Brianna L. Lennon

Clerk of the County Commission



Justin Aldred

District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson

District II Commissioner