

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
Boone County Collector Brian McCollum
Captain Brian Leer
Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer
Buyer Amy Gerskin
Accountant II Aaron Neugarten
Deputy County Clerk III Jodi Vanskike

Public Present: Jeff Stack, Laurie Wern

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. Proclamation Recognizing March 2024 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month**

Commissioner Thompson 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 2024 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this 21st day of March, 2024.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record a Proclamation Recognizing March 2024 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #151-2024**

Boone County Collector

2. First and Second Reading: 2018 Abatements

Boone County Collector Brian McCollum stated this is the annual abatement process for the Boone County tax rolls. Mr. McCollum stated this abatement is for the 2018 tax year that will be struck from the delinquent tax roll. Mr. McCollum stated the total being struck from the roll

is \$151,266.62, which make up taxes for which, after due diligence, they could not locate the owner.

Commissioner Thompson 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 2018 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	\$	627.08
County	\$	4,900.78
School Districts	\$	124,322.99
Cities	\$	7,708.94
Fire Districts	\$	4,400.93
Library Districts	\$	6,652.99
Surtax	\$	1,178.82
Nuisance	\$	453.79
Common Road	\$	1,003.68
Centralia Common Road	\$	16.62
Total	\$	<u>151,266.62</u>

These 2018 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 \$151,266.62 breaks out as follows:

- Personal property \$ 124,526.36
- Bankruptcy and/or probate \$ 2,595.41
- Post-third tax sale \$ 453.79
- Tax exempt acquisitions \$ 23,691.06

The following tax amounts represent 2017 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, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

State	\$	12.58
County	\$	97.94

School Districts	\$	2,324.56
Cities	\$	106.16
Fire Districts	\$	132.95
Library Districts	\$	148.68
Common Road Districts	\$	20.70
Total	\$	<u>2,843.57</u>

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
 The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #152-2024**

Boone County Sheriff’s Office

3. First Reading: LiveScan Application for Replacement Device

Captain Brian Leer stated the state has appropriated money to fund the cost for subscription fees for a Livescan device. Captain Leer stated the Livescan device is the fingerprint device they use, and they currently have two devices at the Sheriff’s Office. Captain Leer stated this request is to replace the device in the jail that has come to the end of its life, and needs to be replaced. Captain Leer stated, with this grant, the subscription fees would be paid up to \$6,625.00 per fiscal year, and there will be no cost to the County.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

Human Resources

4. First and Second Reading: Request to Reclassify Position 999, Programmer Analyst to GIS Analyst I/II in Department 2709, 911/EM IT Technical Support

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated, currently, the Programmer Analyst is a tiered position that can either be hired as a Programmer Analyst or Senior Programmer Analyst at a range of either 39 or 43. Director Wehmeyer stated this request is to convert it to a GIS Analyst I/II position, which is also on a range of 39 or 43, so that there is no budget impact.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby reclassify position 999, Programmer Analyst (Class Code 104500, Range 43) to a tiered position of GIS Analyst I/II (Class Codes 105301/105300, Range 39/43).

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
 The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #153-2024**

5. First and Second Reading: Request to Convert Position 471, Programmer Analyst, Court Services from an Exempt Position to a Non-Exempt Position

Director of Human Resources Angela Wehmeyer stated this is a request to shore up some confusion that has happened over the years. Director Wehmeyer stated, currently, all the County Programmer Analyst positions are exempt positions and are on a different pay range than the Programmer Analyst at the Courthouse. Director Wehmeyer stated there are some different duties that the County Programmers do versus what the Courts do. Director Wehmeyer stated the court has been treating this position as a non-exempt position even though, in the budget, it's classified as an exempt position. Director Wehmeyer stated this would be an administrative change to what has been happening.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize the conversion of Position 471, Programmer Analyst, Court Services, from an exempt, full-time position to a non-exempt, full-time position.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #154-2024**

Purchasing

6. First Reading: Contract: C000760 (PS22170) - Seasonal Road Management Equipment with Henderson Products Inc. - Term and Supply

Buyer Amy Gerskin read the following memo:

The Boone County Purchasing Department requests permission to utilize the National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) Cooperative Contract PS22170 for Seasonal Road Management to purchase five (5) Reversible Snowplows and Plow Side Hitch, two (2) Single Auger Spreaders, and one (1) Spreader Stand from Henderson Products Inc., in compliance with all bid specifications and any addendum issued for the NPPGov Contract PS22170, Henderson Products' Quotes #179704, Quote #179708 and Quote #179710 dated 3/11/2024. The Boone County Contract Number is C000760.

The total cost of this purchase is \$117,030.00 and will be paid by Department 2040 - Road and Bridge Maintenance, Account 92300 - Replacement Machinery and Equipment. This is a replacement purchase, and the 2024 total budgeted amount is \$124,500.00.

Additionally, the Purchasing Department requests permission to dispose of the following items through the Missouri Auto Auction:

- Henderson Spreader Stand - Serial Number STF5H-75583-1 -fixed asset tag# 24270
- SW13 Material Spreader - Serial Number 0708-3368 - fixed asset tag # 16683
- SW10 Material Spreader - Serial Number 1012-8427- fixed asset tag # 18193

- Henke 36R 10 1 O' Snowplow - Serial Number 8081 - fixed asset tag# 14785
- Henke 36R 10 1 O' Snowplow - Serial Number 8083 - fixed asset tag # 17079
- Henke 36R 10 1 O' Snowplow - Serial Number 6852 - fixed asset tag # 17 509
- Henke 41R10 1 O' Snowplow - Serial Number 5078 - fixed asset tag # 13173
- Henke 41R10 1 O' Snowplow - Serial Number 5079 - fixed asset tag # 1317 4

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Auditor

7. First Reading: Budget Amendment – Department 4130-Training Center Cost

Accountant II Aaron Neugarten stated they would like to increase the budget from the expected revenue from the issuance of a special revenue bond for the Law Enforcement Sheriffs Training Center due to the awarded contractor Reinhardt Construction LLC bid amount of \$13,651,500.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

Commission

8. Public Comment

Jeff Stack and Laurie Wern were present for public comment, but did not submit any written public comment forms for the record.

9. Commissioner Reports

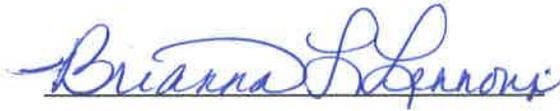
Commissioner Aldred stated typically the Commission deals with the core functions of local Government, public safety, planning and zoning, land use, public works, and road & bridge. Commissioner Aldred stated, for this comment he is compelled to speak not as an elected official, but as an individual human being observing a conflict over 6,500 miles away. Commissioner Aldred stated, as he has stated before, he is hopeful they will be able to find a lasting peace because the alternative is unthinkable. Commissioner Aldred stated he is supportive of good faith efforts toward peace talks and cease fire and is supportive of increased protection for civilians caught in war and hardship and he's supportive of greater humanitarian aid to those vulnerable or affected by crisis, unconditionally and impartially. Commissioner Aldred stated his door will always be open to listen to individuals on all issues that affect the citizens of Boone County.

Commissioner Kendrick stated, he will reiterate again, he is supportive of a cease fire resolution, moving forward with the release of hostages and additional humanitarian aid

reaching all who are impacted. Commissioner Kendrick stated this is a very delicate situation, becoming even more problematic with the region being on the brink of famine. Commissioner Kendrick stated he encourages the United Nations to act and for peace talks and ceasefire to move forward in the very near future.

Commissioner Thompson stated she concurs with Commissioner Kendrick and Commissioner Aldred, and would like to add on a separate note, as a former public defender, this week she was asked by a team of federal public defenders to participate in a conversation with the Governor's Office about a clemency application for a man from Holts Summit, MO. Commissioner Thompson stated this man is under a very real death warrant right now for April 9, 2024. Commissioner Thompson stated she represented him after his attorneys plead him open, which means they had him plead guilty to first degree murder with the death penalty still being on the table. Commissioner Thompson stated he was sentenced to death after his attorneys did very little, if any, investigation. Commissioner Thompson stated they did not discover, because they hadn't done the investigation necessary, they could have had a diminished capacity defense and raised that in the guilt phase, which could have resulted in a conviction of an offense less than first degree murder and could have resulted in a sentence less than death. Commissioner Thompson stated the other piece of it is, the public defender system paid the lawyers a flat fee for their representation, which means they got a certain amount of money for the representation, regardless of how much effort they put into it. Commissioner Thompson stated the less they worked, the more money stayed in their pockets. Commissioner Thompson stated they were prepared to plead this man open and asked her opinion, and she had been doing this type of work at that time for over 20 years, and she said under no circumstances do this and they did it anyway. Commissioner Thompson stated all the lawyers that were consulted told them not to do it and they did it anyway. Commissioner Thompson stated they challenged the Public Defender System authorizing and soliciting attorneys with a flat fee, and it went on anyway. Commissioner Thompson stated she has added her voice to others, not as a commissioner but as a former public defender and a citizen of the state of Missouri, asking the Governor to exercise his ability to grant clemency for this man, who, since he has been in the Department of Corrections, has had no violations, and everybody in this room would have drawn violations from day one. Commissioner Thompson stated Brian Dorsey he has had no violations since being incarcerated and, in fact, the profession he had before being incarcerated was a barber, and he has been a barber for corrections officers as well as inmates. Commissioner Thompson stated a group of corrections officers have also added their names on a list for clemency, and this weighs on her mind as she listens to the issues about Gaza. Commissioner Thompson stated it is horrific when we as human beings take lives.

Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Kip Kendrick
Presiding Commissioner

Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner

Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner