

TERM OF COMMISSION: November Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Hearing Room One, Boone County Courthouse

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
Deputy County Clerk Michelle Malaby
Auditor June Pitchford

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. Budget hearing minutes consist of discussion not outlined in budget narratives and spreadsheets, copies of which are available for inspection in the office of the County Clerk.

SUBJECT: Boone County Health Department (BCHD)/Boone County Family Health Center (BCFHC) Joint Request

BCHD Director Michael Sanford, Nursing Supervisor Beau Whitlock, BCFHC Director, Bernard Ewigman, M.D., BCFHC Board President, Bob Bailey, J.D., and Jane Kruse were present. Mr. Bailey and Dr. Ewigman reviewed the extensive narrative provided.

Mr. Sanford commented when the clinic opened at Parkade Center, he thought BCHD patients would migrate there because clinic personnel are from the Health Department, the facility is newer and cleaner, and parking was better. That did not happen, yet the clinic was soon filled to capacity with an entirely different medically under-served population of people.

Commissioner Stamper commented he feels the County has an obligation to invest part of the Boone Hospital Center lease proceeds in public health care.

Commissioner Miller asked if they have applied to become a Federally Qualified Health Center?

Dr. Ewigman replied they hope to decide at the February boardmeeting. It is not an easy decision.

Ms. Kruse stated the BCFHC is owned by the State. It would probably have to become a not-for-profit corporation which involves a lot of expense. There are a lot of financial reporting requirements. Fifty-one percent of the board would have to be active users of the clinic.

Dr. Ewigman stated current personnel are employed by the City, University and State. There are three personnel systems. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the clinic would have to provide its own benefits. The Center would lose data analysis support and other expertise from the State.

SUBJECT: County Clerk (Organization 1131, 1132,

County Clerk Wendy S. Noren reviewed her narrative. Ms. Noren stated since this is an “off election year” the budget would have been much lower were it not for the National Voter Registration Act. Ms. Noren elaborated on the impact the Act will have on her office.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner

June Pitchford
Auditor