

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

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

The budget worksession was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Commissioner Miller distributed a list, titled "PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES," stating she thought it would give the commission a place to start in modifying the budget prepared by Auditor June Pitchford. Purchasing Director Beckie Jackson proposed the first five items for deletion.

Commissioner Stamper reviewed his list of potential deletions. Items which were not on Commissioner Miller's list were:

- Collector Facsimile Machine
- Recorder of Deeds Workstation Parts and Lateral Files
- County Commission Office Personal Computer
- Overhead Projection Unit (Commissioner Stamper stated the Circuit Court has such a unit which could be shared.)
- Planning and Building Inspection Department Overtime

In regard to the Recorder's request for workstations and lateral files, Commissioner Stamper stated he thought all furnishings were acquired when offices moved to the Government Center.

Commissioner Miller replied the commission requested Recorder of Deeds Bettie Johnson explain the request during a budget hearing (December 1, 1995). Ms. Johnson indicated she did not know how the furniture acquired would work in their new office. She did not know if she would need additional furniture.

Commissioner Stamper stated Ms. Johnson also requested two laser printers: one for a private office and one for their vault.

Commissioner Vogt stated she thought space in the Collector's office was to be used for public viewing. Why is that area not being used?

The commission did not arrive at an answer to her question. Commissioner Stamper agreed to discuss the request for printers with Information Services Director Scott Monnig.

Commissioner Stamper reviewed his list of potential additions. Items which were not on Commissioner Miller's list were:

- One time allocation for Centralia Clinic
- Ballot Counter for County Clerk
- Video Arraignment at \$100,000
- One time allocation of \$120,000 for Courthouse Square
- \$80,000 for Family Health Center

Commissioner Stamper stated the commission added \$15,000 to the budget for stipends for vehicle use by commissioners. Additional money for mileage reimbursement should remain in the budget. Commissioner Stamper outlined a vehicle mileage policy he drafted. Employees would receive mileage reimbursement when they drive their vehicle out of Boone County. Stipends would be used to compensate for mileage driven within Boone County. An employee who drives their vehicle 1 to 5000 miles per year on county business would receive mileage reimbursement. An employee who drives their vehicle 5,000 to 10,000 miles per year could choose between receiving a monthly stipend of \$150 or 28 cents per mile mileage reimbursement. An employee

who drives their vehicle over 10,000 miles per year could choose between receiving a monthly stipend of \$350 or the provision of a county vehicle. Employees would be required to keep a log of their mileage in order to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements. Out of county mileage would be compensated at 28 cents per mile. One issue to decide is whether the commission should apply the policy to all county offices, specific offices or only the County Commission the first year.

Commissioner Vogt stated she would to apply the policy to all county offices for a one year trial period.

Commissioner Stamper replied applying the policy to all county offices in 1996 makes the issue more complex. Numerous budgetary adjustments would be necessary.

Commissioner Miller stated she has a problem with approving the ballot counter for the County Clerk for a one time event.

The commission discussed at length how the county should fund health care. The commission agreed profits from the hospital lease should be earmarked for public health. Commissioner Stamper agreed to discuss the commission's preferences concerning funding health care with Ms. Pitchford.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 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