

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.

Commissioner Stamper noted today is Good Government Day for 4-H participants. The 4-H'ers introduced themselves and noted which 4-H group they were with. Commissioner Stamper explained to the group how Commission meetings work and gave a little history of Boone County government.

Subject: Purchasing Department

Marlene Ridgeway, Purchasing Department Buyer, was present on behalf of these items.

A. Second Reading and Award of Bid 30-22APR02 (Street Sweeping Services Term and Supply)

Marlene Ridgeway stated the department is recommending award to Scrubby, Inc. of St. Louis.

Commissioner Elkin moved to award bid 30-22APR02 for Street Sweeping Services Term and Supply to Scrubby, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 224-2002**

B. First Reading of Bid 24-22APR02 (Courthouse Doors)

Marlene Ridgeway stated the re-bid for Courthouse Doors was issued on April 4 and closed on April 22, 2002. Three bids were received. The low bid was offered by Coil Construction of Columbia, MO. Coil Construction did not return the signed addendum that included minor clarifications to the scope of the work. Mike Hemme, Vice President of Coil Construction attended the Pre-Bid Conference, Bid Opening and did sign and return the acknowledgement of the Addendum on May 2.

After consulting with John Patton, County Counsel, Purchasing and Facilities Maintenance are requesting to waive the requirement of the acknowledgement of Addendum #1 by the bid closing date of April 22 and awarding to Coil Construction, since he did attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Bid Opening and did acknowledge that he understood the requirements of the bid. Also, the Addendum included only minor clarifications to the scope of work, which was covered at the Pre-Bid Conference.

Public Works estimated and budgeted for the project for \$4,500. The total contract award to Coil Construction is \$5,038.00, to be paid out of department 6100 (Facilities and Ground Maintenance), account 60100 (Building Repair). Balance in this account is currently \$29,546.00.

There was no discussion of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

C. First Reading of Bid MM28 (Dry Cleaning and/or Laundry Services)

Marlene Ridgeway stated the Mid-Missouri Public Purchasing Cooperative requested bids for dry cleaning and laundry services. The entities involved are the City of Columbia, Columbia Public Schools, and Boone County. The Cooperative has evaluated the three bids received and recommends the following award. They recommend not awarding to US Cleaners and Forum Cleaners. The volume of business generated between the City of Columbia and Boone County and the necessity of multiple drop-off and pick up locations would make it unattainable for these businesses to meet the requirements of our specifications. It is further recommended to award the bid to Robinson's Cleaners for having the best bid meeting the requirements.

The amount the Boone County Sheriff's Department has annually budgeted for uniform cleaning is \$4,200.00. This is a term and supply contract.

There was no discussion of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

D. First Reading of Bid 37-08MAY02 (Lease of Trackhoe)

Marlene Ridgeway stated she and the Public Works Department have recently worked on contracts for Lease of Road Construction Equipment. Due to the recent rains, the need for

a heavier and larger Trackhoe became apparent to work on damage roadways. They issued a request for bid and received responses via fax on May 8, 2002. Three responses were received. The recommendation for award is to Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum specifications.

The total monthly rental is \$4,850.00. The Public Works Department can utilize this term and supply contract for potentially three years.

Commissioner Elkin asked if there would be a need to have this for three years or is it just needed to repair damage from the recent rains. David Mink, Public Works Director, stated this would be more associated with the projects that are budgeted. Commissioner Stamper noted this could also be used for culvert pipe installation.

There was no further discussion on this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

E. First Reading of Bid 29-26APR02 (Deed Record and Index Books)

Marlene Ridgeway stated the Boone County Recorder's Office and the Purchasing Department have received and evaluated bids received for the above referenced item. They are recommending award to Mid-Continent Micrographic, Inc. for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum specifications. The estimated total annual cost is \$5,099.40 to be paid from organization 2800 account 23000.

This is a new term and supply contract being established for the Recorder's Office.

There was no discussion of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

F. First Reading of Bid 28-12APR02 (In Car Video Systems)

Marlene Ridgeway stated the Boone County Sheriff's Department and the Purchasing Department have received and evaluated bids received for the above referenced item. They recommend rejecting the bid from Kustom Signals. Their bid does not meet the minimum functional requirements for the camera.

The remaining bids are from MPH Industries and Mobile Vision. The County is currently using the Mobile Vision Systems in eight cars that are equipped with cameras. In working

with the Sheriff's Department, they expressed their desire to keep the equipment the same for several reasons noted in the memo written by Captain Dwayne Carey. 1) When the deputies borrow cars or when there are special operations, the deputies will know how to operate the cameras and there will not be any guesswork with the operations. 2) Training would be uniform on all equipment.

The difference between the contract values of both companies is \$392.00. They are requesting approval of awarding this contract to Mobile Vision. The total initial contract value for two units is \$7,590.00. This contract would also result in a term and supply contract with the possibility of renewal for two additional one-year periods.

Commissioner Stamper asked why the Kustom Signal bid was rejected. Mrs. Ridgeway stated the magnification on the camera requirement was approximately half as strong as the MPH and Mobile Vision.

There was no further discussion of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

G. First Reading of Bid 34-02MAY02 (Pre-Numbered and Labeled File Folders)

Marlene Ridgeway stated she and the Circuit Clerk's Office have reviewed the responses received for the above referenced big. They are recommending award to S.G. Adams for their Alternate Bid for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum specifications. The initial total contract cost is \$7,514.25. This is a term and supply contract to be utilized for up to three years to be paid from organization 1221 account 23000.

There was no discussion of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for award.

Subject: Public Works

A. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Commissioner Miller stated National Public Works Week is next week. This designation is to bring attention to the men and women at the Public Works Department, who put their safety on the line everyday. She attended a Traffic Conference this morning to give a welcoming. Mr. Keith from MoDOT was there and he identified that MoDOT, over the

last ten years, has lost more employees than the Highway Patrol. There was a MoDOT employee killed last night in Republic, Missouri in work zone.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt the following proclamation for National Public Works Week:

Whereas, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives, and;

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection, and;

Whereas, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services, and;

Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials, and;

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

Now, Therefore, We, Commissioners Don Stamper, Presiding Commissioner, Karen Miller, District I Commissioner, Skip Elkin, District II Commissioner, of Boone County do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 through May 25, 2002 as

“NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

And I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 225-2002**

B. First Reading of Change Orders #4 and #5 for Dee Woods Road

John Watkins, Public Works Project Development Manager, was present on behalf of these items.

John Watkins stated Change Order #4 was for additional pipe that was needed to take care of water problems that the department was creating on driveways of residents. There was not a unit cost of 12" pipe in the initial contract.

Change Order #5 is due to the policy the Commission approved for future projects, all driveways that are more than 10% grade of slope the County will pave. There are approximately five to six driveways that need to be paved for this project based on this 10% rule. The department would like to go ahead and pave these because there could be future problems.

Commissioner Miller stated this is not the whole driveway that would be paved; it is just to the top of the hill. Mr. Watkins stated that was correct.

There was no further discussion on these items.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule these items for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

C. First Reading to Accept the following Roads:

i. Abilene Acres

ii. Molly Lane Connector

iii. Rebel Drive

iv. Brook Valley Drive and Lake Meadows Way (Brookfield Estates)

David Piest, Public Works Division Surveyor, was present on behalf of this item.

David Piest stated Abilene Acres is being proposed to be accepted as a paved road. This was previously a rock road and recently has been paved under contract.

Commissioner Miller asked when a road transitions from gravel to paved, the County is doing acceptances on them. Mr. Piest stated this is being done for record keeping purposes for the department's files.

Molly Lane Connector is a connecting road between an existing subdivision and a newly developed subdivision. There was a section of road that was never developed and was eventually developed in conjunction with the new development.

Rebel Drive was a rock road that was recently paved under contract. This is for record keeping purposes.

Brook Valley Drive and Lake Meadows Way in Brookfield Estates are two roads within a

newly developing subdivision that have been completed. This is part of Brookfield Estates Plat I and there will be additional roads being brought forward for acceptance in the future.

There was no further discussion on these issues.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule these items for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Commissioner Stamper noted on the Molly Lane Development, there was a developer contribution where the County and the developer worked together to improve the portion of road. In addition, some of these roads being presented for acceptance will take gravel roads out of the County inventory, which will be a more efficient way to maintain some roads.

Subject: Assessor's Office – Second Reading and Approval of Request for Permission to Extend the Closing of Tax Rolls from 5/15/2002 to 5/31/2002

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the request to extend the closing of the tax rolls from May 15, 2002 to May 31, 2002 pursuant to Missouri State Statute Section 137.335.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 226-2002**

Subject: Second Reading to Appoint County Committee Members

Commissioner Stamper requested this item be tabled to a Commission Worksession to work on this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated the Commission is proposing to make appointments of employees the Commission is responsible for, the rest the Commission views as voluntary. The elected officials are volunteering for the committees they signed up for. The Commission is designating authority for people like David Mink, Public Works Director, to serve on the committees.

Pat Lensmeyer, Boone County Collector, stated she believes several elected official checked committees that they wanted to serve on and did not check those committees they were ready to move from. The way it was related to her by the Human Resources Director, is that the interpretation was that those that were checked were additional committees to the current committees. She believes there is confusion about this issue.

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of Road Closure (Pipes Lane)

Commissioner Stamper stated the Commission received a request from a resident to close a portion of Pipes Lane that is, what he would describe as the Northwestern portion of Boone County. In doing so, the Commission first read the request by Mr. Gene Sandner to close this portion. The Public Works Department did look at the road and it is an isolated road.

Mr. Piest stated this is an isolated road, which has only one property owner surrounding the entire length of the road with one minor exception. At the beginning of the road, there is a piece of property, which has a small amount of frontage on Pipes Lane.

Commissioner Stamper moved to approve the closure of Pipes Lane per Section 2.7.1 of the Boone County Roadway Regulations.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 227-2002**

Subject: Authorize Use of the Courthouse Grounds (Grant Elementary School – Fifth Grade)

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds on May 22, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by the Fifth Grade Class at Grant Elementary School to sing a musical entitled “My Country”.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 228-2002**

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Boone Electric Cooperative C.A.S.H. Program

Commissioner Stamper noted the C.A.S.H. program had a beginning balance on April 1, 2002 of \$69,428.39. Donations during April were \$2,244.84 and disbursements were \$2,240.62. The balance at the end of the month was \$69,432.61.

The H.E.L.P. program had a beginning balance on April 1, 2002 of \$20,420.46. Donations during the month of April were \$1,692.70 and disbursements were \$1,051.36. The balance at the end of the month was \$21,061.80.

Public Service Commission Case No. EO-2002-458

Commissioner Stamper stated the Commission has received a notice of an order setting a public hearing conference in the Case No. EO-2002-458 for Union Electric/AmerenUE involving Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Montgomery and Warren Counties.

Letter from Mediacom

Commissioner Stamper submitted a letter from Mediacom, dated April 26, 2002, regarding Mediacom OnLine (sm) rates.

The City Visit Program

Commissioner Stamper stated the Columbia Chamber of Commerce is preparing to host the city of Bloomington, Indiana. This will be like an exchange program between the cities of government officials and business owners.

Commissioner Miller

Mental Health Board of Trustees

Commissioner Miller stated she attended the Mental Health Board of Trustees meeting on May 13, 2002. Commissioner Stamper was also at the meeting and discussed his research on how other communities fund the mental health needs. Judge Kelly discussed mental health courts and the positive and negative issues that could come with having this type of court. Mental Health Courts are handled different ways in different counties. The Board believes this should be a diversion program. There was discussion about funding and how State cut backs will affect Boone County. They are working with the Information Technology Department to develop a web page of Mental Health providers. She requested that there be a presentation in a Commission meeting before the web page is established to show what is included and how it works. The Board welcomed Michele Kennett as the newest Trustee and thanked Dr. Robins for his work on the Board.

Commissioner Elkin

Letter from Farm Bureau

Commissioner Elkin submitted a letter from Farm Bureau regarding their stand on the proposed Stream buffer ordinance.

Petition from North Oak Grove School Road (Request to Black Top Road)

Commissioner Elkin submitted a petition from residents on North Oak Grove School Road requesting to have the road blacktopped.

Subject: Discussion – Law Enforcement Funding

Sheriff Ted Boehm and Boone County Auditor June Pitchford were present on behalf of this issue.

Commissioner Stamper stated Wendy Noren, County Clerk, has also been working on this issue with Sheriff Boehm, Mrs. Pitchford, and himself. This group has been working together since the final report was given by the Judicial Law Enforcement Task Force. Their work has been about how to best implement the recommendation from the Task Force.

Approximately a year and a half ago, there was a proposal to set a ballot issue for a ¼ cent sales tax for law enforcement. There would have been \$20 million in capital, additional funding for officers, and expanded the jail from 200 plus beds to almost 400. The Commission elected not to carry that ballot issue forward. In doing so, the Commission appointed a group of citizens to begin to look at what the County was doing and look at the whole law enforcement system. The Task Force culminated with a report that recommended a variety of actions. There has been recent fluctuation in the population at the Jail. Today, there are no Boone County prisoners being housed outside of Boone County.

They began looking at what to do and what the Task Force recommendation of creating additional barracks. In a variety of ways, the Task Force recommended adding more law enforcement officers, data information collection system, and a variety of other recommendations. The Commission has tried to implement as many of those recommendations as possible.

There has been a series of discussions and meeting attempting to bring to the Commission what they think is the best consensus to move forward.

Commissioner Stamper believes this is a good proposal and solution. He believes a solution has been found for the County to make certain improvements and allow to continue to work on other aspects of this issue.

Sheriff Ted Boehm thanked the Commission for being patient with him over the past few years and believes what has been done over the past several months is beneficial to the law enforcement community of Boone County. Approximately one year ago, Commissioner

Miller made the statement that after withdrawing the ballot issue that they would regroup and do what needed to be done to present what he believes will be a successful ballot issue. The Commission took the first step by appointing the Task Force. The Task Force had thirty-three members and they were divided into sub-committees. Each sub-committee researched an area of the judicial law enforcement area and gave reports. Sheriff Boehm believes the Law Enforcement and Judicial Task Force Report is a strong document. This report has challenged the department to change. If the department changes and they refer to the recommendations from the Task Force, he believes the department will be on the cutting edge and be successful in their jobs and responsibilities in the judicial and law enforcement community. They looked at every approach to the issue. They took the time to meet with members of the Chamber of Commerce and members of the Task Force to keep a clear focus on their recommendations.

Today, Sheriff Boehm is present before the Commission to present an 1/8-cent on-going sales tax. There is also concern about the tax rate if this issue is successful. In their research, one of the current taxes being collected, the Parks Tax, which was passed in November 2000, is 1/4-cent. They reviewed the ballot language for the Parks Tax, which says that this tax would be reduced to 1/8-cent. This proposed sales tax would be asking the public to pay an additional 1/8-cent sales tax for three and a half years. The current sales tax rate for the City of Columbia is 7.225%.

Sheriff Boehm listed what the 1/8-cent sales tax would provide over the next 15 years:

Officers:

- 11 Patrol Officers
- Change Lieutenant to Captain
- 3 Clerical support staff
- 5 Corrections/Transport staff
- 1 Corrections Lieutenant

Equipment:

- For new officers:
 - Uniforms, handgun, shotgun, less lethal shotgun, rifle, portable radio and digital cameras. Patrol vehicles with mobile radios, cages, light bars, mobile video cameras,
 - radar unit, mobile data terminals, portable breathe testing device and stop sticks.
- For existing staff:
 - Portable breath testing devices, mobile video cameras, radar units, digital cameras, less lethal shotguns, LED light bars, stop sticks, rifles, mobile data terminals.
 - Scheduled replacement of equipment: vehicles, portable radios, mobile radios, mobile video cameras, light bars, radar units and cages.
- Upgrade radio communications

Salaries:

- Upgrade salaries for employees to mid-range to aid in recruitment and retention to comply with study

Law Enforcement and Judicial Information System:

- Develop computer system to allow law enforcement, jail, prosecuting attorney, court, and public defender better communication

Prosecuting Attorney Staff:

- Additional assistant prosecuting attorney staff
- Additional legal secretary staff
- Additional investigator

Alternatives and Out-of-County Housing:

- Fiber optics to allow for expanded video arraignment of inmates
- Expand the Drug Court
- Add a Mental Health Court
- Expand work release, electronic monitoring and other alternative sentencing programs

Sheriff Boehm noted that by not expanding the jail and adding more beds, these alternatives would challenge the department to do alternatives to incarceration.

Sheriff Boehm submitted the outline of how the funds will be used for this 1/8 of 1% law enforcement sales tax to the Public Record. This is a justification of all funds and how they will be spent.

Assistance to municipal agencies:

- Coverage of annexed areas by law enforcement for some agreed upon period of time
- Some processing of inmates
- Transport inmates from their facility to Boone County jail
- Transport inmates from Boone County jail to their municipal court appointments
- No charge for housing of municipal inmates for a period of time not to exceed 3 days

This would keep the police officers in their neighborhood instead of having the officers spending time going through the processes of arresting someone and taking them to the Boone County jail. The department has appointments with Police Chiefs in the County to discuss their communities' needs. The proposed five additional corrections officers would assist communities in the transporting of criminals so the community's officers would not have to leave their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Miller stated she sees the fifteen year total and knows it is hard to project but this is a permanent tax. Sheriff Boehm stated that is correct, this is a permanent tax. Commissioner Miller wanted this to clarify. Commissioner Stamper stated fifteen years is a reflection of the groups planning.

June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, stated with respect to some of the components of this plan, there may be significant initial start-up costs that over a ten to fifteen year period the County would expect to stabilize those costs and get into a regular maintenance schedule. They did not believe it was appropriate to take a one to two year horizon in determining the allocation of how the funds would be spent. The needs that have been identified are on-going needs in the community. They felt that it was important to review alternatives for funding on-going needs with an on-going source of revenue, which is why the proposal presented today is a permanent tax.

Mrs. Pitchford stated the group went back to source documents, the Task Force report and conversations with individuals who participated in those processes. The group tried to determine if there were significant identifiable needs in the law enforcement judicial system around which there is a meaningful consensus. This is where they tried to focus their efforts. Out of that, they identified a need for an enhanced law enforcement in the community, a more efficient law enforcement and judicial system, management of the jail population, and review an expansion of alternatives to incarceration. She believes the Commissioners will find the proposal presented addresses those needs. This proposal differs significantly from earlier proposals and other discussions. They have tried to address the needs that have been identified in the various processes and responsibly put together a package that would address the needs of those individuals and groups have identified.

There are items that are left out that officials might think that will be needed in a few years but they were trying to be responsive to the work that many people have devoted to this two year process.

Commissioner Miller stated if there is change in the way the County does business today, there will probably be no need for a larger jail but if there is no change, the County will be back with needs for a jail. She is happy that everyone is on the same page in looking for those changes that will allow the County to have different alternatives. There are many different models across the country as different ways the County can handle law enforcement problems, especially the misdemeanor items that are congesting the system. She is pleased with the work that Commissioner Stamper, Sheriff Boehm, Mrs. Pitchford, and Ms. Noren have done on this issue.

Commissioner Elkin applauded the group on their work on this issue. He believes this is a responsible plan and will help the efficiency of the system. He was concerned with the issue of how this would effect the smaller communities. Being a former Hallsville council member, he knows the amount of time the officers spend transporting people and believes the proposal will be a relief for those organizations. He asked about the issue of charging of housing for municipal inmates, how the current policy works and asked Sheriff Boehm to elaborate on the three days.

Sheriff Boehm stated the department charges, if a municipal agency brings a person in on

a municipal charge. These people are treated just like an out-of-county agency or any other agency bringing in someone and ask for the person to be housed in the Boone County jail. In the average time a person spends is approximately three days. Instead of charging the outside agency for housing, the department will not charge for the first three days. If the person is sentenced in excess of the three days, the department will go back to the daily rate. The focus continues to be on not needing more bed space. They believe this proposal will force the municipal courts to look at alternatives. This is another benefit for municipalities.

Commissioner Stamper stated there have been significant improvements in the number of beds at the jail, from 160 bed to 200 bed facility, created alternatives to incarceration like the Reality House and other places, and added 10 corrections and enforcement officers. Now the County is at a point where this cannot be done with the current capacity. The County does not have the sustainable, on-going capacity, of funding in order to be able to do this.

The fact that there is no capital in this proposal is good and bad. It is good because it forces the County to make alternatives work. It is bad because there is a current situation at the jail where the County is at maximum capacity. The idea of increasing the enforcement staff by approximately thirty and putting them all in the same facility leaves a feeling of uncomfortableness. He believes not having any capital is a wise decision even though they thought about adding that to this proposal.

There is no reduction in the current law enforcement funding. This proposal would take the annual operation of the Sheriff's Department and Corrections from \$6 million per year to approximately \$8.5 million. No general revenue funds in lieu of this proposal. These proposed funds will continue to advance law enforcement.

Commissioner Stamper stated there have been those who have criticized the process but believes the process has served the County well. He believes the critics of the process, particularly of the early process where a step was taken back to re-look at the issue, the community has grown and developed out of that. The County came into an understanding of what the County was facing and what it means to address the criminal justice system and not just one aspect of the system by building more beds. The additional time, while some maybe critical of it, has been an important part of the issue.

The mental health aspect of this issue would have to have continued work. The County does not have the adequate resources currently to accommodate a Mental Health Court or alternatives to incarceration so the County will have to work to accommodate those and it will be an on-going process. This is a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Stamper outlined the process of this issue from this meeting. There will be public hearings on this issue at every Commission meeting until May 28. On May 28, the Commission has to approve the ballot language so this issue will be on the August ballot.

Commissioner Stamper noted 70% of the proposed funding will go towards officers and equipment, 5% will go to the law enforcement and judicial information system, 7% will go to the Prosecuting Attorney and 18% will go toward alternatives and out-of-county housing. He believes this is a tight package and believes Sheriff Boehm is correct by being able to account for every dollar that the County intends to spend. This is a package that we, as a County, can continue to work with Sheriff Boehm and carry it forward to the people and ask for their consideration.

Commissioner Miller stated her biggest concern in listening to this discussion is the administrative space at that jail because she worked on the jail package. She knew there was intention to put in some space for the Prosecuting Attorney and Probation and Parole to be able to have video arraignment and hearings so people were not being transported back and forth. There will not be room for that, especially when the department is adding more officers and no more space. This is her concern and this maybe something that the County will have to face in general revenue for an expansion in that area in the next couple of years. Currently the space is very limited.

Sheriff Boehm stated this topic was discussed on various occasion. This goes back to having the thirty-three people that were appointed to the Task Force. They brought a lot of issues to the table and issues they brought forward were issues many people probably did not even think about. They brought forward good issues and ended up in the final document. That document suggests to look at the situation in five to seven years but today the challenge is to look at the situation currently. That is what this package is doing; going back to the Task Force and several other people they discussed this proposed tax issue with, and made the package to address the needs today.

Commissioner Stamper stated the group discussed at length the role of general revenue and capital. They have identified in a few years, approximately 2007, the County could develop about \$5 million worth of capacity to address some capital needs. There could be some merit in going out early and doing that because the County could take some debt and deal with it in a special way. They believe the County can look at the future capital space needs. If the incarceration rates and alternatives can be handled, it will put the County in a different position. It may be that a property downtown can be acquired to solve some space needs, for example. The aspect of capital will not be left alone but there is no capital coming out of this proposal.

Commissioner Miller stated she understands this, but, when fiber-optics are being expanded for video arraignment, the current system is not adequate to be compatible with fiber from what is being done today. The judges would require a better signal system. There has to be some modification there to current system. She realizes fiber-optics may be two to three years down the road and by that time the department maybe looking for some space opportunities.

Commissioner Stamper stated there was a lot of concern about this issue. What the group was hearing was that a variety of projects in this community that are bricks and mortar have effected the way people think about bricks and mortar. Whether it be the proposed new City building, the library, the new arena, \$200 million worth of construction on the university campus and other projects. There is a lot of concern in the community about making better use of what the community currently has.

Commissioner Miller stated this was important because if the Commission does not listen to what the people are saying then this proposal will not be successful. She appreciates the group holding tight on what they have heard as concerns.

Commissioner Elkin agreed with Commissioner Miller. This proposal is just the beginning and in a few years, the County may have a better picture of the situation.

There was no public comment on this issue.

Commissioner Stamper requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this for a hearing item for every Commission meeting between today and May 28.

Subject: Domestic Violence Report and Treasurer's Report for March 2002

Kay Murray, Boone County Treasurer, was present on behalf of this item.

Kay Murray reviewed the March 2002 Treasurer's Report. This report was submitted to the Public Record.

Ms. Murray submitted the Domestic Violence Report to the Public Record.

There was discussion about the requirements to receive the funding.

Commissioner Miller requested Ms. Murray to provide a list of the telephone companies that are operating in Boone County to notify them of the County's Right-of-Way policy.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner