

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the November 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
Boone County Auditor June Pitchford

The budget hearing was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Budget Hearing: Department 1710 (Planning and Zoning) and Department 1720 (Building Codes)

Stan Shawver, Planning and Building Inspections Director, was present on behalf of this budget hearing.

There were no significant changes to either of these budgets.

Mr. Shawver reviewed the fiscal year 2002 departments accomplishments and goals and the fiscal year 2003 departments goals. He noted the performance measures are consistent between 2001 actual, 2002 estimated, and 2003 projected. The work done by the departments (Planning and Zoning Department and Building Codes Department) is with the developers, realtors and citizens.

Commissioner Miller asked if checking flood plain information will be easier to check when the aerial photography is complete. Mr. Shawver stated he is hoping it will be easier. He and Ryland Rodes met with a SEMA representative earlier about flood plain information. The department will also be working with the GIS Department on overlaying the information. He noted addressing will also be easier with the completion of aerial photography and the use of a GPS devise.

There was discussion of the number of rezoning requests but this is a number that is difficult to predict each year and how the department works with the applicant on the rezoning request to make sure the request is reasonable.

Mr. Shawver stated the core budget is consistent with previous years. The projected revenue for this department is \$174,984, which is a 6% increase from 2002. The projected expenditures for this department are 239,388, which is a 2% increase, with \$26,828 being expenditures in classes 2-8.

There is one supplemental request for one additional planner. Mr. Shawver presented the

Commission with a handout of the amount of overtime impact for 2002 for this department. The building inspectors put in over 1,100 hours of overtime. The amount spent on overtime is approximately the amount that could be spent on one additional building inspector. A planner is also needed because the planners do spend a lot of their time in the office but Mr. Shawver's top priority is having an additional inspector.

There was discussion about the increase in the number of inspections for this year and the valuation of the houses is rising.

Mr. Shawver noted 51% of new construction in Boone County has been in the Northern District and 49% has been in the Southern District. Over 30% of houses built in 2002 are larger than 3,500 square foot. There are more custom homes being built in the unincorporated areas of the County. The amount of time it takes to do a building inspection on these larger homes is significant.

Commissioner Miller asked if the inspection costs are now being charged by the square foot. Mr. Shawver stated the Department does charge by the square foot. The fees were increased in May 2002.

Commissioner Miller asked how much the overtime budget would decrease if the additional inspector was approved. Mr. Shawver stated the overtime budget could possibly be reduced from the 2002 budget.

Commissioner Miller asked if this position would require an additional vehicle. Mr. Shawver stated that was correct.

Commissioner Stamper stated this could be a \$70,000 initial investment. Mr. Shawver noted many of these costs are one time costs.

Commissioner Miller asked when the County begins the implementation of EPA Phase II and the one acre inspections begin would the County be able to charge a fee for those inspections and who will be involved. Mr. Shawver stated he hope that the Public Works Department is involved with these inspections.

Commissioner Miller asked if a specialist would be needed for stormwater issues. Mr. Shawver stated that is correct.

Commissioner Miller asked if a fee could be established because this is a new inspection process. Mr. Shawver stated the Commission would have to discuss this with John Patton, County Counsel.

Mr. Shawver noted he is also responsible for the Solid Waste Budget, which is for maintaining the County's recycling program. There is no changes to this budget.

June Pitchford asked if there was funding in the budget for the contract with the Sewer District. Mr. Shawver stated that was correct.

There was no further discussion on these budgets.

Budget Hearing: Department 1126 (County Counselor)

John Patton, County Counselor, was present on behalf of this budget hearing.

Mrs. Pitchford noted there are no goals and objectives for this budget because this is not an operating department.

Mr. Patton stated his goal is to revise and codify the land use regulations, and long term goal to codify all the County regulations and make revisions to those regulations.

There were no significant changes to this budget.

Mr. Patton noted his supplemental request for a half-time position for his office. If there was a part-time FTE allocated from the Commission's budget, his supplemental request would not be necessary.

There is only a \$614 increase in this budget based on 2002 budget and the estimation that was done for this department. There is a \$310 increase in subscriptions. There is also an increase in minor equipment to have a fax machine replaced or repaired.

Commissioner Stamper noted there has been debate about the half-time FTE when this department was established in 2002 and trying to staff this position out of Commissioner Elkin's clerical support. To his understanding of Mr. Patton's opinion, this has been a "hit and miss" program and does not work very well.

Mr. Patton stated when there is clerical work it needs to be done because there are some things that have deadlines. The way this was set up in 2002 did not work. Historically, the addition of a full-time position in the Commission office was to also provide clerical support for the County Counsel. It has not been efficient, if there is a project Mr. Patton needs to be done under a time frame, to work through Cathy Richards and the Commission's.

Mr. Patton stated he has spoken with Heather Montague and she would like to go part-time because of the new baby. He would like to set up a flex time work schedule with Mrs. Montague to where she could work either from the office or from home.

He noted he does not need any more than a half time position.

Commissioner Stamper stated Mr. Patton has contracted with the Sewer District and

Group Homes for some work and asked what the revenues were from these contracts. Mrs. Pitchford stated the contracts are for \$15,000 and year to date the total revenue is \$11,000.

Mr. Patton stated the contracts were written to guarantee an annual minimum so there could be a funding source and has seen no indication either the Sewer District or Group Homes want to change that arrangement.

Commissioner Stamper noted as of this time the supplemental request had not been proposed. Mrs. Pitchford stated per the Commissions request she did not address any new FTE positions.

There was no further discussion about this budget.

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to recess at 9:32 a.m.

The budget hearings were called back to order at 9:55 a.m.

Budget Hearing: Department 1430 (Community Services – Boone County Historical Society)

Bob Bedsworth, President, Bill Crawford, Founder, Frank Graham, Former President and former County Commissioner, and David Sapp, President-Elect, were present on behalf of this budget hearing.

There were no changes to this budget. There is a supplemental request of \$4,000.00 for this budget.

Mr. Bedsworth discussed activities and programs sponsored by the Historical Society and new Historical Society programs. He thanked the Commission for their work they have done with the Historical Society.

Mr. Crawford discussed how the Historical Society is important in today's society because of the mobility of the population, how the Historical Society is a cultural center for the county, and how the Historical Society is administered.

Mr. Graham stated he appreciates the work the Commission does and the partnership the Historical Society has with the Commission. There is hope that the endowment trust will allow for the Historical Society to be independently funded.

Mr. Sapp stated he hopes to maintain the liaison with the Commission in all aspects from the funding and projects like the Boonslick Trail. He noted the endowment trust is at a substantial amount currently of approximately \$550,000.00. He stated the Historical Society utilizes the interest from the trust for their operations. The funding for the

Historical Society comes from memberships and various fund raisers.

Mr. Bedsworth noted Cathy Salter, Historical Society Board Member, had an article in National Geographic about the Lewis and Clark Trail through Missouri and Jim Harlan at the University plotted a map to show what the Missouri River looked like during the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Commissioner Stamper stated the Historical Society's budget request was for a \$4,000 increase. Mrs. Pitchford noted the total request was for \$25,000 but there was nothing submitted as a supplemental request. The \$21,000 reflects level funds and per the Commissions request anything that is requested over the 2002 budget has been placed in the budget as a supplemental request.

The Commissioners thanked the Historical Society for their work and believe the Historical Society is a valuable resource to the community.

There was no further discussion on this budget.

Budget Hearing: Department 1510 (Economic Support – Show-Me State Games)

Ken Ash, Executive Director, and Gary Filbert, were present on behalf of this budget hearing.

The Show-Me State Games Annual Report was presented to the Commission.

The Show-Me State Games had over 28,000 people in the finals competition. The Games bring in \$9.4 million in direct economic impact and \$18 million in indirect economic impact to the area.

Mr. Ash reviewed the number of participants and where the events took place.

In 2002, the Show-Me State Games received \$20,000 in funding from the County and in 2001, \$15,000 was received. For 2003, the Show-Me State Games is requesting \$27,500. The additional \$7,500 is for the Senior Games (\$5,000) and an increase of \$2,500 for the Show-Me State Games.

Mr. Filbert stated they appreciate what the Commission has done over the years. He discussed the Boone County Challenge.

There was discussion about the expansion to a third weekend, the number of participants on the third weekend and bringing the event back to Boone County that was moved due to lack of facilities.

Mrs. Pitchford noted this budget has a level funding of \$20,000.

Commissioner Stamper stated this is an approximate \$1 million impact to the community. The indirect and extended economic impact is approximately \$17 million.

Commissioner Miller stated the request for additional funding is justified by the return to the local economy.

There was no public comment.

The budget hearings were adjourned at 10:33 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