

TERM OF COMMISSION: July Session of the May Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building

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

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 1:39 p.m.

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Report on Construction Activity in Boone County

Director of Planning and Building Inspection Stan Shawver distributed and reviewed a report on construction statistics for 1994 and 1995.

SUBJECT: Award Bid 87-20JUL95, Culvert Pipe

Assistant Public Works Director Frank Abart distributed and summarized a bid tabulation. Mr. Abart stated section II, additional purchases, is for larger pipe the Department might need.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award section I, lump sum purchase, of bid 87-20JUL95, Culvert Pipe, to Thompson Culvert in the amount of \$41,636.54, and section II, additional purchases, to J & J Metal Products. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign service supply contracts with each vendor when presented.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 388-95.**

SUBJECT: Contract for Purchase of Bluff Creek Property for Boone Retirement Center

Commissioner Miller stated the Boone Retirement Center Board and Administrator Pat Rackers reviewed the protective covenants presented by the developer and agreed on a set of covenants they are comfortable with attaching to the contract.

Mr. Patton stated in return for a \$20,000 deposit there is a 120-day option to purchase the property. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on November 31, 1995. If the option is exercised, the deposit will be credited to the purchase price. Also, if the option is exercised, the County agrees not to close the deal until the developer, B & E Investments, approves site and building plans. Mr. Patton stated he advised Mr. Rackers the same architect should be used for all development phases. The option amount is reflective of lost investment income the developer would receive were the purchase completed immediately.

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone enter into a contract with B & E Investments for the option to purchase 17 acres of land at Bluff Creek Estates in exchange for \$20,000, as set forth in the attached contract.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 389-95.**

SUBJECT: McBaine Levee Repair Change Order No. 2

Commissioner Stamper stated the change order includes work to patch a hole in the levee created by the City of Columbia to divert water from their water line. The City agrees to pay the \$5,420 cost to repair the damage. Another change order is expected for repair of damage caused by the last flood. Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign, the attached McBaine Levee Repair Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,420. The City of Columbia will reimburse the County for the expense of this change order.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 390-95.**

SUBJECT: Authorize Use of Courthouse Grounds by Central Missouri Humane Society

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize use of the Boone County Courthouse Grounds by the Central Missouri Humane Society for a National Homeless Animals Candlelight Vigil on August 19, 1995 for one hour after dusk. The Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the document.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 391-95.**

SUBJECT: Award Grants to Cities

Commissioner Miller stated she spoke with McBaine City Clerk Lucille Coleman about their \$5,000 request. Ms. Coleman indicated they have not applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to repair flood damage to roads. She advised Ms. Coleman she is uncomfortable approving their request given the volume of funding requests, the number of people living in McBaine, and the fact the levee is not yet repaired. The five year plan on their application last year indicated they would request \$2,000 for maintenance each year. That is all she will agree to award to McBaine.

Commissioner Stamper stated he received a call from Columbia City Manager Ray Beck this morning. Mr. Beck expressed disappointment with the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee recommendation that no funds be awarded to Columbia. Commissioner Stamper stated he advised him the Commission would consider their request.

Commissioner Miller stated when this program began, the Commission considered how funds could be expanded and agreed it would like communities to use their funds as match money for grants to expand the scope of their projects. Last year, three cities used local funds to match grant funds. Their needs should receive strong consideration. Those receiving greater amounts last year should receive lesser amounts this year. For example, Rocheport received \$50,000 last year for use with a grant to improve Pike Street. They should not receive that great an amount this year.

Commissioner Vogt stated the purpose of the program was to help smaller communities who do not have the resources to perform projects that larger communities do. Funding should not be used for general maintenance but for capital projects the community might not otherwise be able to perform. She does not agree with the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee recommendation.

The Commission unanimously agreed an amount should not be reserved for flood damage repair.

Commissioner Stamper asked is there agreement funds should only be used for capital projects?

Commissioner Miller stated that depends on the definition of capital projects. Placing rock on roads is a capital project for some communities.

Commissioner Stamper agreed.

Commissioner Vogt conceded that point.

Hallsville Mayor Carl South stated if Hallsville receives one dollar it will be one dollar more than it has now. They have several ongoing projects. There are gravel roads they would like to pave. They have a five year plan, a one year plan and a day-to-day plan.

Hallsville Public Works Superintendent Kyle George stated they are looking into grants which might be available. Mr. George asked can the funding be used for ditching and sidewalks?

Commissioner Stamper replied funds can be used for ditching, but not sidewalks.

Mr. George provided, and briefly summarized, a new five year plan.

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Public Works Director Stan Elmore stated other options in awarding the funding would be to fund all requests this year with a corresponding reduction in funding available next year or to fully fund some requests this year and not fund others and do the reverse next year.

Commissioner Miller stated she would like to award Ashland and Hallsville a larger share this year. They received low amounts last year. Both requested what they could match last year. The requests of Rocheport and Sturgeon were fully funded last year. Hartsburg would like to pave Bush Landing Road, a county road. The dust is a hazard for their Pumpkin Festival.

In response to questions from Commissioner Miller, Director Elmore replied \$30,000 would provide Hartsburg a good start in paving the road. A chip and surface would require a lot more maintenance. The County does not spend a lot of the money on the road. There is not a great traffic. The traffic which uses the road consists of heavy trucks. Paving the road would help alleviate potholes created by the trucks.

Commissioner Vogt proposed the following funding allocation:

Ashland	\$ 35,000
Centralia	\$ 25,000
Hallsville	\$ 40,000
Harrisburg	\$ 20,000
Hartsburg	\$ 20,000
McBaine	\$ 2,000
Rocheport	\$ 20,000
Sturgeon	\$ 25,000

TOTAL \$187,000

Commissioner Miller stated she would like to allocate \$30,000 for Hartsburg and not award funding to the City of Columbia.

Commissioner Stamper stated he cannot support that proposal.

The Commission discussed at length whether funding should be provided to Hartsburg since they intend to use the funding to pave a county road.

Commissioner Vogt suggested the County reserve funding for Hartsburg and discuss ways to accomplish their goal of paving Bush Landing Road. Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone grant sales tax proceeds for road improvements to cities as follows, with the remainder of funding to be set aside for future use:

Ashland	\$ 35,000
Centralia	\$ 25,000
Columbia	\$ 15,000
Hallsville	\$ 40,000
Harrisburg	\$ 20,000
McBaine	\$ 2,000
Rocheport	\$ 20,000
Sturgeon	\$ 25,000

TOTAL \$182,000

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

Commissioner Vogt stated she does not want to delay making a decision any longer. The cities need the money to accomplish their projects.

Commissioner Stamper stated the Department can obtain an accurate cost estimate to pave Bush Landing Road.

Commissioner Miller stated this is unfair to Hartsburg. If the Commission was not willing to consider the project they propose, they should have been told in the beginning. Paving Bush Landing Road has been their goal since this program began.

Commissioner Stamper stated he does not view this as abandoning their project. The approach to be taken should be explored and considered.

Commissioner Miller asked if Hartsburg compiles \$18,000 worth of projects within the City, will the Commission support them?

Commissioner Vogt replied that would depend on the projects.

Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Vogt voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Miller voted in opposition to the motion. Motion passed. **Order 392-95.**

In response to a question from Commissioner Stamper, Mr. Elmore replied the Department can provide an estimate on paving Bush Landing Road in one week.

SUBJECT: Wilton-Easley River Road Flood Damage

Commissioner Miller stated the County is obligated to fill a hole created by Spring floods and repair Wilton-Easley River Road. The landowner proposes to fill the hole for \$2,500. If the Public Works Department performs the work it will cost \$5,000 because they would have to have dirt hauled to the site. FEMA will reimburse the cost regardless of who makes the repair. Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign an agreement between Boone County and Stephen Diederich to fill the hole in the Wilton-Easley River Road for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 (\$2.50 per yard for 1,000 yards.)

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 393-95.**

SUBJECT: Compensation for County Employee Time Spent on Hot Air Balloon Festival

Commissioner Stamper reported Mr. Abart sent him a letter requesting the road and bridge fund be reimbursed for time an employee is spending on balloon festival activities.

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize the allocation of money from the General Fund to reimburse the Road and Bridge Fund for time Public Works Department employee Elaine Goodwin is spending on the US Hot Air Balloon Festival. Compensation for Ms. Goodwin's time will be considered an in-kind contribution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 394-95.**

Commissioner Vogt moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize Facilities Maintenance Department employee Dan Nicholson to spend sixteen hours working on technical equipment for the US Hot Air Balloon Festival. Compensation for Mr. Nicholson's time will be considered an in-kind contribution.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 395-95.**

SUBJECT: Vote to Authorize Closed Meeting

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone authorize a closed meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 1995, as authorized by section 610.021 (3) RSMo. to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of a particular employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 396-95.**

SUBJECT: Public Works Department Construction of Low Water Crossings

Commissioner Stamper reported Mr. Abart estimates concrete forms needed to construct low water crossings will cost \$8,000. A trailer is needed at a cost of about \$2,200.

Following discussion, the Commission agreed to direct the Public Works Department to proceed with the construction of low water crossings according to parameters they set forth previously.

SUBJECT: Public Comment

Mr. Abart commented FEMA completed their inspections of damage to the levee at McBaine last week. They are still determining the affect of debris washed in by the flood.

Mr. Patton commented the State Department of Mental Health has agreed to provide full funding to the County for mental health proceedings.

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Miller reported she was disappointed in a televised report last night which placed blame for Correctional Facility air conditioning problem on the Facilities Maintenance Department. The Commission discussed the issue during its meeting the previous Thursday and agreed to obtain cost estimates to have an engineer review the system. Facilities Maintenance Director Chuck Nichols contacted CRSS Constructors as directed. They advised he contact the manufacturer, which he did. There are problems with the compressor breaker disconnects, low voltage and with the water flow.

Commissioner Stamper reported he will circulate the Boone County Community Health Assessment Preliminary Data Report from the Family Health Center at Parkade for review. They will be requesting additional funding.

Commissioner Stamper reported a new group, the Friends of the Philips Property have begun a movement to protect the property.

Commissioner Stamper reported the Prosecuting Attorney has a number of employees working four, ten hour days on a trial basis. The only affect it is having on the rest of County government is computers have to operate longer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 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