

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 Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

SUBJECT: Adoption of 1998 Budget

Auditor June Pitchford said she was pleased to be adopting the budget and submitted a proposed commission order that incorporated, by way of reference, the schedule of commission changes and aggregate amounts budgeted for each County fund.

She explained that the aggregate for all funds combined was \$37 million. Ms. Pitchford said those figures were up substantially over 1997, primarily due to funding decisions in regard to the Hospital Profit Share money. She said it would be unwise to draw comparisons between 1998 and 1997 without looking at those issues.

Commissioner Miller said she was pleased with how the budget process went this year and said that it improves every year.

Commissioner Stamper said the budgetary process has been nothing but extraordinary in the way it has grown and developed and allowed for better accountability. The Commission now looks with vision three and five years down the road and sets priorities for major programs. He said the process was light years ahead of where it had come from. He thanked Ms. Pitchford for her work.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby adopt the Boone County operating budget for fiscal year 1998. The adopted budget shall consist of all appropriations included in the Proposed Budget submitted to the County Commission November 14, 1997 by the County Auditor, subject to the adjustments authorized by the County Commission which are specified in the attached schedule. Total appropriations for each fund are set forth in the attached schedule. Total appropriations for each fund are set forth in the attached Budget Summaries and Fund Balance Projections for FY 1998. In addition, the County Commission authorizes the computations for final salary and wage appropriations for 1998 to reflect the salaries and wages in effect on December 31, 1997 and directs the County Auditor to make such adjustments. Furthermore, the County Commission approves all employee positions included in the Proposed Budget, adjusted for Commission changes noted in the attached schedule, together with the specified range and benefit status for each position and authorizes administrative authorities to hire and retain employees for these positions in accordance with established county policy. The County Commission also approves appropriations for the specific fixed assets identified in each departmental appropriation and authorizes procurement of same in accordance with established county procurement policy.

Commissioner Vogt seconded.

Commissioner Stamper clarified that the \$37 million included a one time allocation of Hospital Profit Share money of \$2 million. He also said the County was providing an across the board increase for employees of 2% and a merit pool of 1 1/2%.

Motion passed unanimously. **Order 521-97.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner