

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the May 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 Skip Elkin
County Counsel John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Brian Wright

The Presiding Commissioner called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

Commissioner Stamper acknowledged and welcomed a number of representatives from 4-H, noting the students present were attending Good Government Day. He noted the Commission's general purpose and duties.

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of the Right of Way Vacation for Bellview Drive (North of Bethany Drive)

Commissioner Miller stated that the Public Works Department has been repeatedly called to this area to clean-up the illegal dumping that frequently occurs at this site. She stated that in trying to find a permanent solution to the problem, the County discovered that it does not need this right-of-way. She noted that the County took the approach of vacating the right-of-way and giving it back to the two land-owners. She further noted that there had been some confusion about the possibility of a land-lock issue, adding that there would not be a land-lock concern with this matter.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Vacation in a Platted Subdivision for the North 120 feet, more or less, of Bellview Drive.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 228-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of the Assessor's Request to Extend Closing the Tax Rolls from 5/15-5/31 (RSMo 137.335)

Commissioner Stamper stated that the request will extend the amount of time the Assessor's office has to finalize the Tax Rolls for the Property Values in Boone County.

Commissioner Miller noted that this process happens every year.

Commissioner Stamper moved to authorize the extension of the deadline for the Closing of the Tax Rolls from May 15, 2001 to May 31, 2001.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

In discussion, Commissioner Stamper stated that by action of this motion the County will authorize an extension of the time required for the Assessor to post the Tax Rolls. He noted that the Commission has the authority to order this extension by state statute RSMo 137.330.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 229-2001**

Subject: Second Reading and Approval of the Vandiver Drive Extension Agreement

Commissioner Miller stated that the Agreement will not be finalized this morning, due to clarification issues with the language of the contract. She noted that in the amended contract, the County would have the right, if the project does not move forward, to request the City give the County the interest the funds have earned, when the money is returned.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the second reading on this issue is being held, pending review by legal counsel.

Subject: Authorization for Commission Chambers and Courthouse Grounds Use

A. National Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League Discussion on June 5, 2001

Commissioner Miller stated that the County allows any non-for-profit group to utilize the grounds, without any Commission interference.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the use of the Commission Chambers for a Volunteer Orientation, sponsored by the National Abortion and Reproductive Action League on June 5, 2001 from 6-10pm.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 231-2001**

B. Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on September 16, 2001

Commissioner Elkin moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds for an Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, sponsored by the Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association on September 16, 2001 from 10am to 4pm.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 232-2001**

C. Memorial Walk on June 3, 2001

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the use of the Courthouse Grounds for a Memorial Service, sponsored by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans on June 3, 2001 from 2-3pm.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 233-2001**

Subject: First Reading of a Budget Amendment for Judicial Grants and Contracts

Kirk Kippley, Director of the Juvenile Justice Center was present on behalf of this item.

Kirk Kippley stated that the Juvenile Justice Center is requesting the transfer of \$1,055, which was budgeted in the year 2000 for security cameras. He stated that the bid was lower than estimated. He noted that the money is all federal grant funds. He further noted that the funds can be used on other items, such as computer equipment and the fitness course.

Commissioner Miller stated that it is always good when items cost less than expected, allowing for funds to be used on other worthy items, such as these.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record, and requested it be returned ten days from today for a public hearing and final approval.

Subject: Purchasing Department

Melinda Bobbitt, Director of the Purchasing Department was present on behalf of these items.

A. Bid Opening for Richland Road (#19-08MAY01)

Commissioner Stamper stated that this project is anticipated to run between \$500,000- \$700,000. He stated that no bids were received from Key Equipment and Supply (Maryland Heights, MO), Van Keppel (Kansas City, MO) or F.W. Dodge Reports (St. Louis, MO).

Commissioner Stamper stated that a bid was received from Steve and Associates (Fulton, MO) He stated that a bid bond was included with the bid. He acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1,

7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that the base bid number (5.1) was \$562,601.85, and the alternate bid (5.2) was \$688,301.13. He noted that the anti-pollution statement was also included.

Commissioner Miller stated that a bid was received from N-J Wilson Contracting Incorporated. She acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that there was no base bid (5.1). She stated that the alternate bid (5.2) was \$691,364.02.

Commissioner Elkin stated that a bid was received from Don Schnieders Excavating. He stated that a bid bond was included with the bid. He acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that the base bid number (5.1) was \$525,750, and the alternate bid (5.2) was \$651,820.

Commissioner Stamper stated that a bid was received from APAC Missouri- Central Missouri Division. He stated that a bid bond was included with the bid. He acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that the base bid number (5.1) was \$546,027.69. He noted that there was no alternate bid (5.2).

Commissioner Miller stated that a bid was received from Emery Sapp and Sons. She stated that a bid bond was included with the bid. She acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. She stated that there was no base bid (5.1). She stated that the alternate bid (5.2) was \$581,571.65.

Commissioner Elkin stated that a bid was received from C.L. Richardson Construction. He acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that the base bid number (5.1) was \$504,360.95, He stated that there was no alternate bid (5.2).

Commissioner Stamper stated that a bid was received from Columbia Curb and Gutter. He stated that a bid bond was included with the bid. He acknowledged that pages 2.2, 3.1, 6.1, 7.1, and 8.1 and Addendum One/Two/Three (signed and returned) were included with the bid. He stated that the base bid number (5.1) was \$531,387.30. He stated that there was no alternate bid (5.2).

Commissioner Stamper stated that the bids will be referred to the Purchasing Department for evaluation. He noted that the item will be returned to the Commission with an award recommendation, for having the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Stamper asked what the budgeted amount for this bid was.

Commissioner Miller stated that she thought it was \$600,000.

B. First Reading to Award a Bid to Furnish and Install Fencing

Melinda Bobbitt stated that the Purchasing Department reviewed the bids received. She stated that the Purchasing Department recommends awarding bid 18-24APR01 to Designer Fence Company, for having presented the lowest and best bid received. She noted that the total contract value is \$10,153.00 to be paid from organization 2040 account 71100.

Commissioner Miller noted that there was a large discrepancy between the bids received.

Commissioner Stamper asked which project this bid was in regards to.

Melinda Bobbitt stated that she did not know.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the item had been first read into the public record and requested that it be returned at the next meeting for further discussion and final approval.

Subject: First Reading of a Budget Amendment for the Boone County Fairgrounds Site Survey Analysis Agreement

Commissioner Elkin stated that the County is in the process on contracting with the University of Missouri. He stated that the agreement will allow the University to perform the Phase II of the Fairground Site Analysis. He noted that the budget amendment will allow the County to pay for the professional services.

Commissioner Elkin stated he met with June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, this morning to discuss the budgeting of this item. He stated that since the County has not used a lot of the money that is available in the profit-sharing budget, the interest that has accrued on these funds is more than originally thought. He noted that after this project uses some of those funds, there will still be almost \$69,000 left in this budget.

Commissioner Elkin stated that because of time constraints, he requested that the Commission approve the Agreement, and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreements. He noted that the agreement would be contingent upon the approval of the budget amendment.

Commissioner Miller stated that Commissioner Elkin was seeking a “good-faith” effort on behalf of the County, noting that she did not have a problem with Commissioner Elkin’s request.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the approval of the Agreement could also be an expression of intent, as it relates to the budget amendment.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the budget amendment had been read into the public record, and requested that it be returned to the next Commission meeting, following the required ten-day waiting period, for final approval.

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve the Boone County Fairgrounds Site Analysis Agreement, and authorized the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreements.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion or public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 227-2001**

Subject: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Stamper

Letter from Rainbow House

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission had received a letter from Rainbow House, acknowledging that Philip Douce will be resigning his position as Executive Director as of May 31, 2001. He noted that Sharon Tepper will become the new Executive Director for Rainbow House. He further noted that Mr. Douce will be leaving his office to become a missionary, in another part of the world.

Letter from Boone Electric Cooperative

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission had received a letter from Boone Electric Cooperative, concerning the Cash Program, noting that it is utility-assistance program. He stated that there are significant balances currently in support of this program.

Letter from the State Tax Commission

Commissioner Stamper stated that Tom Schauwecker, Boone County Assessor, was notified that the state tax commission has authorized the State Assessor's support of the \$23,000 computer system, for Mr. Schauwecker's office.

Commissioner Miller

Report on REDI

Commissioner Miller stated that she attended the REDI meeting last week. She stated that the meeting occurred at the engineering school, with the Dean of Engineering. She noted that the Dean gave an update on several issues (Such as the type/quality of student the engineering school is producing, and the overall goal of employment within Boone County). She noted that currently, there are not a lot of engineering jobs within the community.

2001 Demographic Profile

Commissioner Miller presented the 2001 Demographic Profile to Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Elkin. She noted that the Profile allows an individual to examine various issues (such as who is the largest employer in Boone County).

Stream Buffer Update Report

Commissioner Miller stated that the Stream Buffer group met last Friday. She stated that prior to that meeting, she attended the Homebuilders Association where she delivered a briefing of what the County was looking for in a stream buffer ordinance. He noted that issue is timely because of a NACo agreement with the Homebuilders Association.

Commissioner Miller stated that the issue should be worked on at a local level and not a Federal level, noting that it will avoid the creation of Federal mandates. She noted that it was good to see that the same partnership, being created at the National level was also occurring at the local level. She further noted that this issue does have scientific proof, and is not simply speculative conjecture.

She stated that the next meeting is in June, noting that several different streams will be examined at that time, in order to identify different levels of stream orders. She invited both Commissioners to the next meeting, to help establish consensus in defending of stream order levels.

Commissioner Elkin

Meeting with Missouri Department of Conservation report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he met with the Missouri Department of Conservation at their district meeting last Wednesday. He stated that he has been attending the Columbia Parks and Recreation master-plan meetings, in an effort to gauge the public's requests. He noted that a request for a nature classroom or an outdoor science/nature center has been requested several times. He further noted that he mentioned to the Representatives from the Department of Conservation the possibility of entering into partnership with the County for a nature center/outdoor classroom, located at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Elkin stated the next step in this process would be to gather comments from members of the community to see what the people of Boone County would want in an Outdoor Classroom-type of facility. He noted that the Department of Conversation is focusing its attention on the educational aspect with its program.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he had a chance to spend some time yesterday in Forest Park, in St. Louis, noting that it is an urban park. He stated that the park blends many different things within the park, itself. He noted that the type of master planning that went into Forest Park, also needs to be done within Boone County. He further noted that it this type of planning reflects involvement on behalf of the Community.

Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District report

Commissioner Elkin stated that he attended the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste annual council meeting on May 9, 2001. He stated that there was good representation from each of the eight counties, noting the attendance of about 30 people. He noted that the County will be having a tire collection (rims included) on September 22, 2001.

Contract with the Boone Retirement Center

Commissioner Elkin stated that the County received a contract for Boone Retirement Center. He stated that he spoke with legal counsel, noting that there are several issues that still need to be worked-out.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the contract was the County's draft.

John Patton stated that the contract was the Boone County Hospital Board of Trustees' draft. He stated that the Board of Trustees wanted to approve the Contract at their May 21, 2001 meeting. He asked if the County would be able to meet that time-frame.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not believe the County would be able to meet that deadline.

John Patton asked if he could communicate to the Board of Trustees that they should be able to approve the contract in their June meeting.

Commissioner Stamper responded affirmatively.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner