

TERM OF COMMISSION: July Session of the July Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kenneth M. Pearson
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Josh Norberg

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Public Works

1. Trails West Engineering Services (first read on 7/3/08)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the agreement for consultant services with A Civil Group for Trails West Engineering Services. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 335-2008**

2. Country Hill Subdivision Storm Sewer Improvements (first read on 7/3/08)

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the agreement for consultant services with Trabue, Hansen and Hinshaw, Inc. for Country Hill Subdivision Storm Sewer Improvements. It is further ordered the Presiding Commissioner is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 336-2008**

3. Commissioner Reports

There were no commissioner reports.

4. Public Comment

Pat Fowler, 4995 N. Sandker, was present.

Ms. Fowler stated she is very pleased with the construction on Brown School Road, however, she and her neighbors have found other ways out of the neighborhood and one of the roads has several very deep potholes. One really bad one is on the corner of E. Shalimar Dr. and N. Burning Bush Rd. She stated she wanted to bring this to the attention of the Commission and ask if there was anything they could do to fill them in while the construction on Brown School Road is in progress.

Commissioner Miller stated they will create a work order. She stated this is the first she has heard of it.

Ms. Fowler stated she is also here about the fireworks. She has lived in her neighborhood for seven summers, and this year in particular fireworks season has gone on so much longer. She stated she is tired and has four rescue animals in her house that are freaked out. The fireworks start around noon on the weekend. In the evenings they intensify around dark and continue on past midnight. Her animals pace, bark, and whine until the fireworks stop.

Ms. Fowler stated she understands fireworks are a huge tradition on the Fourth of July and she doesn't mean to disrupt that. But the length of time has been about three weeks. There are several tents in the area, and a couple are dismantling today. One of them is planning on staying open until the 10th of July. She stated she read in the paper that complaints are down in Boone County this year. She is not concerned about the trash in her yard, but it is so loud around her house. She asked if there was anything that could be done about limiting the range of time you can sell fireworks and/or discharge them to a smaller period of time.

Commissioner Miller stated it is a State law.

Ms. Fowler asked if outlawing them is the only option unless you can change state law.

Commissioner Miller stated that is correct. She stated she does not know what their authority is regarding limiting the times they can be discharged, but as far as selling them, they have to either outlaw them or follow state law.

Ms. Fowler stated she would feel better about it if she knew they were generating a lot of sales tax revenue.

Commissioner Miller stated she would be supportive of limiting the time that you could shoot fireworks. She stated she doesn't think you should be shooting fireworks at midnight. But you can't limit it to 9:00 p.m. because it gets dark at 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Fowler stated she appreciates the Commission listening.

Commissioner Elkin stated the City has rules that prohibit the shooting of fireworks and they still have problems controlling it, so we can't really know what effect any rule would have if it was passed.

Commissioner Miller stated then the police are chasing down fireworks violators versus what they normally would do.

Ms. Fowler thanked the Commission.

Commissioner Miller thanked Ms. Fowler for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Ken Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner