

TERM OF COMMISSION: October Session of the October 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 1:30 p.m.

Auditor

June Pitchford, Auditor, was present on behalf of this item.

1. FY 2009 Budget Update

Ms. Pitchford stated she thought it would be helpful to inform the Commission and the public about where we are financially at this point before the budgeting process begins. She stated the 2008 budget reflected a possible additional 2 cent tax levy to help defray election costs. As it turns out, that levy is not needed. The projected sales tax revenues for 2008 will not meet the budget. We are running a half percent negative growth right now.

Ms. Pitchford presented the current budget report for the General Fund. A copy of that report may be obtained at the Boone County Clerk's Office in Room 236 of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center.

Stan Shawver, Director of Planning and Building, stated everybody is worried about the state of the economy. He stated his employees have worried about whether the County will have to look at layoffs.

Ms. Pitchford stated that is not anything that she is looking at, but everybody is seeing the same thing. We cannot continue the same expenditure patterns if the revenue side is decreasing. As hard as it is to recruit, train, and retain people, it is to our advantage to try to weather the storm. She stated it is her opinion that nobody should say that the county will never be faced with making staff changes.

Commissioner Elkin stated he lays awake at night thinking about the possibility of layoffs, and it makes him sick to think about it. He stated speaking for himself, before we got to the point of layoffs, he would want to look for other positions they could be moved to. There are always vacancies in other positions, so if a building inspector has no inspections to do, we could reassign them before laying them off.

Commissioner Pearson stated layoffs are the type of thing that happens in state agencies when there is a downturn. In the case of the general revenue, most of that is going to pay salaries.

Ms. Pitchford stated about 58% goes to salaries.

Commissioner Pearson stated if there are vacancies, maybe we don't fill those, or we shift resources. When you get through the downturn, then you readjust. The last thing we want to try to do is to lay people off. We want to preserve jobs for a number of reasons.

Commissioner Miller stated that is why we have been so careful about adding people, so we won't be in that position to have to lay people off. We value the people we have. We have to realize that we are in this together and we cannot be territorial. We need to look at what we can do and what we cannot do. It might get to the point where we will have to raise property taxes if we cannot cut anything else out. We have to recognize that and we have to have the support of everyone if we get to that point.

Commissioner Pearson stated people say that governments should work like businesses. He stated he has never really believed that. Governments provide a lot of services, and there is an expectation that the level of service will be maintained. It is very hard to do that when a big part of what you are spending your money on is staff. You have to be very careful in terms of figuring out what we can do and how we can maintain our level of service while maintaining our staff.

Juvenile Justice Center

2. Budget Amendment for Title II Grant (first read on 10/6/08)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the following budget amendment to establish a budget for the Title II Grant:

Department	Account	Department Name	Account Name	Decrease	Increase
1243	71101	Judicial Grants	Professional Services		\$12,455.00
1243	22500	Judicial Grants	Resource Material		\$844.00
1243	03411	Judicial Grants	Fed. Grant Reimb		\$13,299.00

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 489-2008**

Miscellaneous

3. Appoint Delegates to Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Conference

Commissioner Elkin moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby appoint the following as delegates to the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) Annual Conference on November 23-25, 2008:

- Skip Elkin, District II Commissioner
- Patricia Lensmeyer, Collector
- Karen M. Miller, District I Commissioner
- Wendy Noren, County Clerk
- Kenneth M. Pearson, Presiding Commissioner
- Tom Schauwecker, Assessor

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 490-2008**

4. Authorize Closed Meeting 610.021(1)

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize a closed meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in Room 243 of the Roger B Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized by 610.021 (1) RSMo. to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys, and 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0 **Order 491-2008**

5. Commissioner Reports

There were no commissioner reports.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Attest:

Kenneth M. Pearson
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner