

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Daniel Atwill
District I Commissioner Karen Miller
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Senior Buyer Amy Robbins
Sheriff Dwayne Carey
Employee Recognition Committee Kelle Westcott
Deputy County Clerk Mike Yaquinto

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Employee Recognition Committee

1. Employee of the 1st Quarter 2013 Presentation

Kelle Westcott presented awards to the three runners up for the 1st Quarter award. The awards were presented to Custodian Josh Morgan, Deputy Sheriff Chris Lester and Corrections Sergeant Shelley Martin. The Employee of the 1st Quarter was Information Technology Technician Billy Way. Connie Chamberlain presented the award to Billy.

The Commissioners congratulated all the award winners and thanked them for their dedicated work for the County.

Purchasing

2. First reading; Long Distance Contract with Century Link

Amy Robbins read the following memo:

A long distance contract negotiated by Teleplus with CenturyLink was authorized by Commission Order 52-2013. The attached contract replaces that contract per request of Court Chrisman with CenturyLink. The rate remains the same at \$0.004 per minute.

The reason according to Court for replacing this contract is that the other contract was going to start billing from a different billing system, and then every department would end up with two bills, one for Centrex services and one for long distance. This contract gives us the same long distance rate of \$0.004/minute but keeps us in the same billing system and keeps each department/office with one bill.

The County spends less than \$6,000 in a 90 day period on long distance, so is not required to bid this service. Our long distance accounts with CenturyLink are averaging \$596.12 per month, \$7,153.44 per year.

Commissioner Atwill noted that over a year ago we had a group come in and study our system.

Commissioner Miller said that this group was brought in to review our system and make recommendations on how to cut costs.

Commissioner Atwill asked if the County is still benefiting from those recommendations and is the County still paying them.

Commissioner Miller said they may still be getting a percentage of our savings.

Ms. Robbins said she believes so and will check on this and advise the Commission.

There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

3. First reading; Cooperative Contract Retail Maintenance Repair and Operation Commodities

Amy Robbins read the following memo:

Purchasing and Facilities Maintenance Departments request permission to utilize the U.S. Communities Cooperative Contract 11019-RFP -- Retail Maintenance Repair and Operating Commodities and Related Services Term & Supply with HD Supply Facilities Maintenance.

This contract is a term and supply contract to be used on an as needed basis and is available Countywide.

Commissioner Miller asked what HD supplies.

Ms. Robbins said that it is mostly things you would find at Lowes and Home Depot. Facilities Maintenance can order directly from their catalog. Since there is no current contract, we are asking for Commission approval.

There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

4. First reading; Cooperative Contract - Trap Rock Term & Supply

Amy Robbins read the following memo:

Purchasing and Public Works requests permission to utilize the City of Columbia cooperative term and supply contract 61/2013 – Trap Rock Term and Supply with Capital Sand Co., Inc. of Jefferson City, MO. This contracts extends through March 31, 2014.

This is a Term and Supply contract and invoices will be paid from Departement 2040 – PW-Maintenance, account 26200 – Rock.

Commissioner Atwill asked the cost of the Trap Rock.

Ms. Robbins said it is \$38.00 per ton, delivered

Commissioner Atwill asked where the Trap Rock comes from.

Ms. Robbins said she would find out and advise the Commission.

There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

Sheriff Department

5. First reading; Personal Trainer Services Agreement

Commissioner Miller said that the Sheriff had found this personal trainer, Mason Stevens, who has his own business. The Sheriff's Department wanted to hire some of the trainers that work at Wilsons but since they are under contract, Wilsons would not let them moonlight. They needed to find someone with flexible hours due the shift times at the Department.

Sheriff Carey said that this trainer, with a 1 month notice, can work around his client list and can be on-site when requested.

There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Atwill stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available commission meeting with appropriate order for approval.

Commission

6. 1st & 2nd reading; Organizational Use of the Courthouse Plaza by Resource Management for Hinkson CAM Stakeholder Committee

Commissioner Miller said that the organization will be touring Hinkson on May 9th and will end up at the County Government Center to discuss what they saw and to have lunch.

Commissioner Miller also noted that the Organizational Use request did not include the Chambers and that will be needed as back-up in case of bad weather. Commissioner Miller will check on the availability of Chambers for that date and time.

There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Miller moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone.

does hereby approve the organizational use of the Courthouse Plaza by the Boone County Resource Management for Hinkson CAM Stakeholder Committee on May 9, 2013 from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #212-20132**

7. 1st & 2nd reading; Historical Preservation Presentation

Commissioner Atwill said he would like to offer an unwritten motion.

Commissioner Atwill moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby recognize Karen Miller for her outstanding efforts in organizing and implementing the renovated Courthouse Plaza to be included as part of the County grounds and to have Commissioner Miller's speech be part of the public record.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the unwritten motion.

The unwritten motion carried 2 to 0.

Commissioner Miller's speech:

Good Evening Ladies and Gentleman,

This evening we gather to celebrate the official opening of the Courthouse Plaza. As Commissioner Atwill just noted, we are here this evening, in part because of the actions of those who came before us—those who had a vision of community and wanted to see that vision to fruition. To fully appreciate this space, and to appreciate the community efforts that

made it possible, a short walk back through time is useful.

In 1845, when the second courthouse was built at this end of Eighth street, the “Avenue of the Columns” was envisioned as a means of connecting the “town and gown”—the University and the rest of the community. Over the years, the Avenue of the Columns has been further enhanced, cementing the link between the University and the community at large.

In 1993, our newly renovated courthouse was dedicated and the Government Center was under construction. Also in 1993, the Eighth Street Beautification Committee had just completed a design challenge which clearly drew upon history when all five teams included a “Courthouse Square” in the space between the courthouse and the new government center. And so it was that the Courthouse Square Committee, formed in 1994, began to turn that vision into reality.

There were lots of hurdles to overcome, not the least of which was convincing the City of Columbia to permanently close Eighth Street between Walnut and Ash. Even though the infamous “Eighth Street Jog” around the old columns made the intersection of Eighth and Walnut a challenge, the closing of a major North-South street, even for just one block, was controversial. Even with the eventual approval of the closing, the committee faced an enormous fund-raising challenge to bring the idea to fruition. But, through generous gifts, which were added to County funds, the original Courthouse Square was dedicated in 1997.

In that gathering place, some things worked well, like the amphitheater seating and ability to host events. Other aspects of the space weren’t as effective or as welcoming, like the non-functioning fountains and the wide expanse of concrete, which created excessive heat in summer, and icy and thus hazardous conditions in winter, and which deteriorated quickly because of storm water and ice and snow treatments. Even the well-intentioned wall erected in front of the war memorials, which was intended to create a sense of space for

contemplation, actually made the memorials more difficult to see and appreciate.

By 2011, it had become clear that maintenance costs for the area were burdensome and the space was not being utilized to the degree or in the ways originally envisioned. Then, in 2012, the County was able to budget for a complete renovation of the space, not only to remedy maintenance issues but also to ensure that the Plaza could truly be a useful, beautiful space for citizens, as was originally intended.

In January, the Courthouse Plaza Renovation committee first met to develop a Request For Proposal with a vision to enhance the space to be used by county employees and citizens at large. Members of that Committee are Pat Lensmeyer, Boone County Collector; Judge Gary Oxenhandler, June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor; Derin Campbell, County Engineer; Bob Davidson, Facility Maintenance Director; Carrie Gartner, The District; Jason Gibson, Auditor, Michele Hall, Public Information Officer; Kathy Lloyd, Court Administrator, and Mary Wilkerson, Historic Avenue of the Columns.

The Committee utilized different tools to gather the information needed, the Avenue of the Columns report, the original design plans, an employee survey, and input from representatives of Veteran organizations including the American Legions, VFW, Memorial Day Salute to Veterans Group and the Boone County Historical Society. That effort facilitated our design features included in the request.

- First and foremost- Proposed improvements were to be low maintenance in both time commitment and costs to upkeep. Remove concrete and the round fountain, transition river fountain to a planter. All plantings should be perennials. The project should include less concrete, more green space (all grass areas to be irrigated).
- Primary uses to be speaking events, Lunch and break space, Plays and musical events, Local group events (First Night, Youth Service Day, Earth Dance, etc.) Add a

permanent or temporary stage to facilitate the usage of the amphitheater.

- Create a welcoming entrance to plaza on south side and down play north side entrance. Increase the amount of shade; enhance lighting using energy efficient design elements to ensure a safe environment.

Today, the Smoke-Free Courthouse Plaza is truly a beautiful place and, perhaps even more importantly, a more cost-effective place to manage. Significantly more green space was developed, with over 2,200 new trees, shrubs and flowers. The war memorials were placed directly behind the iconic courthouse columns to give them a much higher profile and a beautiful, landscaped backdrop for annual ceremonies. The amphitheater was enhanced with a permanent stage. Even the vast expanses of old concrete were eliminated by creating three new gardens of perennials and native plants.

At this time I would like to introduce the team that designed and built this beautiful space. ROST, Inc. partnered with Little DIXIE Construction and A Civil Group. The Rost team present tonight are Tim and Toby Rost, owners, Jake Frink, Project Manager and Andrew Herndon and Tim Maloney, Project designers. For the Little Dixie team we have with us, Mac LeMone and John States. Cody Darr, Project Engineer is here representing the Civil Group. Thank you from all of us for the design and for your teams, who were such a pleasure to work with.

Now, to officially open the Courthouse Plaza, I will turn it over to the Chair of the Chamber Ambassadors, Tom Trabue, If the Commission would join me on stage, we will cut the ribbon.

Please take time to walk around and enjoy your space, and stop by for cookies and drinks if you haven't already done so on the Café Patio;

Commissioner Atwill read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation Honoring
The Boone County Courthouse Plaza
Renovation Committee

Whereas, in 1845, the second Boone County Courthouse was built at the end of 8th Street, creating the “Avenue of the Columns,” a connection between the University of Missouri and the rest of the community,

Whereas, in 1993, as the renovated Courthouse was dedicated and the Boone County Government Center was under construction, the 8th Street Beautification Committee completed a design challenge in which all five teams included a “Courthouse Square”, leading to the creation of the Courthouse Square Committee in 1994,

Whereas, the Courthouse Square Committee overcame the obstacle of gaining approval for the closure of 8th Street between Walnut and Ash and the challenge of raising significant funds, resulting in the renovation of the Courthouse Square, dedicated in 1997,

Whereas, time revealed the positive aspects of the Courthouse Square, such as the amphitheater seating and ability to host events; as well as the negative aspects, such as nonfunctioning fountains, large concrete areas which succumbed to weather-related problems and thus quickly deteriorated and the wall erected in front of the Veterans Memorials, originally intended to create a sense of sacred space but instead made the Memorials more difficult to see and appreciate,

Whereas, in 2011 it became clear the area was underutilized in the ways envisioned and had become a financial burden due to high maintenance costs, in 2012 funds were budgeted for a complete renovation of the space,

Whereas, in January 2012, a dedicated committee gathered to develop a Request for

Proposal based on research and community feedback with a vision to enhance the space by creating a welcoming, low-maintenance area for County employees and the community at large,

Whereas, the members of this committee remained involved throughout the course of the renovations, diligently and thoughtfully considering each decision as an important piece of the overall success of the project,

Therefore, the Boone County Commission celebrates the dedication of the Boone County Courthouse Plaza and recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Boone County Courthouse Plaza Renovation Committee: Pat Lensmeyer, Boone County Collector; Karen M. Miller, Boone County Commissioner; The Honorable Gary Oxenhandler, Judge 13th Judicial Circuit; June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor; Derin Campbell, County Engineer; Bob Davidson, Facility Maintenance Director; Carrie Gartner, The District; Jason Gibson, County Accountant; Michele Hall, Public Information Officer; Kathy Lloyd, Court Administrator; and Mary Wilkerson, Historic Avenue of the Columns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this 2nd day of May, 2013.

Commissioner Atwill moved on this day the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby recognize the Courthouse Plaza Renovation Committee. It is further ordered the Boone County Commissioners are hereby authorized to sign the attached proclamation

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #213-2013**

8. Public Comment


None

9. Commissioner Reports

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Attest:


Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner



Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner