

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the October Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commission Daniel Atwill  
District I Commissioner Karen Miller  
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson  
Auditor June Pitchford  
Deputy County Clerk Mike Yaquinto

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Public Hearing; FY2014 Proposed Boone County Budget**

Commissioner Atwill opened the Public Hearing by asking if there is anyone present that would like to speak on the proposed budget for FY2014.

Arlin Epperson said he was on the Central Missouri Events Center Task Force and is interested on the financials relating to that facility. He has no comment or criticism, but just in attendance for education and further input, perhaps, on the direction the events center may take.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Epperson what he would like done with the Events Center.

Mr. Epperson said the recommendations put forth were very good. There still needs to be discussions on the implementation of whatever is decided. There are several ideas that he would like to share at a more opportune time. There is great potential for a relationship with the city. He has been a director of parks previously with tourism involved. There is great potential and the County is in a position to move forward and he is looking for other

opportunities to work with the Commission in implementing some of the recommendations.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Epperson what he thought would be a WOW factor to make the Events Center viable.

Mr. Epperson said that he is always one that works from the "grass roots" and the first thing to do is get people that use the facility to talk about it. You need to fix the things that are wrong first. You should always try to make something look its best when presenting. Maintenance needs to be done as well as capital improvements. The county will be in a better position for the WOW factor. Making it look as good as possible and sell it to potential clients on that basis.

Commissioner Thompson said that Mr. Epperson has offered to do an inventory of the assets of the center.

Mr. Epperson said that it would involve maintenance items as well as potential capital items prioritizing in terms of budget. After serving some time as Director of State parks, there needs to be an implementation plan. Also, there will need to be ways to count attendance and several tourism studies to see what the impact of the center is on the local economy. Eventually, the center will be surrounded by the city and could be a center piece so the concern is how it will be managed and the implementation plan and how it will work.

June Pitchford said she would go over the budget with Mr. Epperson on any of the details he would be interested in.

Mr. Epperson said he would most likely be interested in the numbers concerning the center and the possible transition from a management firm to consulting firm or some other model.

Ms. Pitchford said she can share background information on the county budget and

development.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Epperson for attending and offering his thoughts on the Events Center.

Commissioner Atwill asked if there is anyone else that would like to speak on the budget issue.

Mr. John Frerking said he was in attendance to see if there was anything available concerning capital improvements relating to the budget.

Ms. Pitchford said that the proposed budget relates to operating costs and not capital improvements.

Commissioner Miller said that the Purchasing web site will detail any future projects and the bid process for those projects.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Frerking for attending.

Commissioner Atwill asked if there were any other speakers.

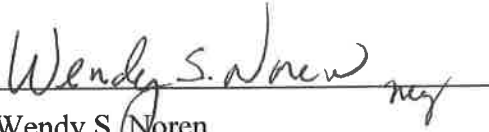
There were no other speakers and Commissioner Atwill closed the Public Hearing.


There were no further comments or questions.

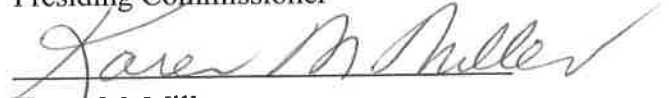
The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



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

