

TERM OF COMMISSION: November Session of the October Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Conference Room 301 / Conference Call

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill
District I Commissioner Fred Parry
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Purchasing Director Melinda Bobbitt
Director of Emergency Management Operations Chad Martin
Deputy County Clerk TeQuila Freeman
Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

**Conference Call Information:
Number: 425-585-6224 Access Code: 802-162-168**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am

Special Item added per Commissioners: Face mask requirements in the Order of the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Director Boone County Order No. 2020-15.1C for full requirements, see attached.

Commissioner Atwill stated the new order should be supported county-wide; he expressed approval of the order and stated it's in the hands of the Director of Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Stephanie Browning for reexamination. Commissioner Parry stated he preferred for local governments to have control and to pass their own mandate/advisories or ordinances per their local jurisdictions. Commissioner Thompson stated that the commissioners had spoken with local municipalities in Boone County and the number of cases of the virus was alarming. Commissioner Thompson stated Boone Hospital has now gone to red status and University Hospital continues at a yellow status. Local leaders have expressed their concern about cases that are to come. Commissioner Thompson stated something must be done to gain control. Commissioner Atwill stated we must support the health department and the mask order.

Commissioner Parry asked whether this vote by the Commission was simply a motion of support for the health director to issue a county-wide mask mandate outside of the city limits of Columbia. Commissioner Atwill stated that is correct. Commissioner Parry asked if Ashland's mask advisory would be overridden with a County wide Mask Ordinance, Commissioner Atwill stated he would expect that, but he would need to defer to legal opinion.

Public Comment on the issue: Brian Beckstrom was present and stated he was against a mask mandate but not a mask advisory. Mr. Beckstrom stated he thinks the meeting should be held in the evening as it affects the citizens of the county and they can't all be there during the day. Mr. Beckstrom stated he doesn't support the mask mandate because the students are going home soon and he would like to see if the cases go down once they are gone. Also, there has been a mask mandate in Columbia, MO since July 10, 2020 and there has been no decline. Mr. Beckstrom stated Columbia has shown a steady increase and masks are not proven effective. Mr. Beckstrom went on to say, once an area has COVID, it needs to burn

through the population and die down itself, unfortunately. Some things are just a virus and beyond our control. Mr. Beckstrom went on to ask how will masks be enforced; Will there be door to door policing? Will neighbors be calling the police on other neighbors and will they be giving police unlimited power? Mr. Beckstrom voiced his concern that the mandate wouldn't end once put in place.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached face mask requirements in the Order of the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Director Boone County Order No. 2020-15.1C It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the order on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion with Commissioner Parry opposed.

The motion carried 2 to 1 **Order #524-2020**

Purchasing

1. First Reading; Computer and Peripheral Surplus Disposal

Purchasing Director Melinda Bobbitt spoke to - Computer and Peripheral Surplus Disposal - Director Bobbitt requested to dispose of the following: Non-working air conditioners, file cabinets, other misc items thru MRC recycling center. MRC recycling will pick up for \$50.00 per load.

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.

2. Second Reading; Amendment Number Three - 43-17OCT16 - Pest Control Services (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Parry moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Contract Amendment #3 43-17OCT16 -Pest Control Services. Terms of the amendment are set forth in the attached contract amendment. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign attached contract amendment on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #516-2020**

3. Second Reading; Invitation for Bid Award: 24-06NOV20 - Sale of Scrap Metal (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Contract 24-06NOV20 -Sale of Scrap Metal Services. Terms of the amendment are set forth in the attached contract amendment. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign attached contract amendment on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #517-2020**

4.Second Reading; City of Columbia Cooperative Contract; 110/2020-Temporary Employee Services (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the City of Columbia Cooperative Contract; 110/2020-Temporary Employee Services. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached cooperative contract on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #518 -2020**

Human Resources

1.Second Reading; Job Classification Committee Recommendation (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the following recommendations from the job classification committee to create new classifications for radio network manager and payroll coordinator and to realign the payroll of Road and Bridge division. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached order on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #519 -2020**

Tom Schauwecker asked that his email request for approval of tiered positions for the personal property specialist and a cartographer be approved by the County Commission today and asked that his email be recorded as part of the public record of this meeting.

2.Second Reading; Pay Range Change of Classifications 409300, 409400, & 409500 (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Parry moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby authorize Human Resources and the Auditors office to change the pay range for Classification 409300, 409400, & 409500, effective January 1, 2021. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the attached order on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Atwill seconded the motion.

Commissioner Thompson voted no, stating that she did not believe it had been proven that additional pay would maintain employees for Joint Communications, or that the smaller pay was the reason they were leaving.

The motion carried 2 to 1 **Order #520 -2020**

3.Second Reading; Budget Adjustment for Position 207 (1st read 11-19-20)

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the amendment to the proposed 2021 budget to fund up to

\$95,000.00 for position 207 Prosecuting Attorney II. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign said amendment on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #521 -2020**

**4.Second Reading; Request to Hire Above FHR for position 297
(1st read 11-19-20)**

Commissioner Parry moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve to hire above flexible hiring limit for position 297 – Deputy County Clerk III and does hereby authorize an appropriation up to \$36,400.00 a year for the initial hiring salary and any 2021 post-probationary merit increase for said position. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign attached contract amendment on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #522 -2020**

Emergency Management

**5.First & Second Reading; Agreement for Administration of CARES Act Funding
(agreement with the City of Columbia for the CARES Act economic assistance for small
businesses)**

Director of Emergency Management Operations Chad Martin stated this item is being brought forth to the Commission to extend CARES Act funding in cooperation with the City of Columbia to promote a small business grant program to be administered using City of Columbia staff and their expertise to help the businesses county-wide with the COVID 19 pandemic.

Commissioner Atwill asked if it had been approved by the City. Director Martin responded yes; it has gotten signatures from the City on it. Commissioner Thompson explained the only signatures it lacks at this time are Commissioner Atwill's and County Clerk Breanna Lennon's.

Commissioner Parry asked what this order is doing and what does it permit? Commissioner Atwill responded that it lets us issue payment to the City to start the program that's outlined in the contract.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day; that the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby accept the attached agreement for administration of CARES Act Funding. It is further ordered that the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign agreement on this 24th day of November 2020.

Commissioner Parry seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3 to 0 **Order #523 -2020**

Commission

1. Public Comment


None.


2. Commissioner Reports

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am

Attest:


Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner



Fred J. Parry
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner

