

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the July Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Right-of-Way Agent Natalie Meighan
Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo
Director of Human Resources Jenna Redel
Director of Joint Communications Chad Martin
Environmental Health Specialist Chrystal Smart
Deputy Boone County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

Public: Natasha Sigoloff, director of Supported Living for Boone County Family Resources; Randy Cole, CEO of Columbia Housing Authority; Adam Saunders, Co-Founder of Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture; Lindsay Lopez, President and CEO of The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri; Susan Haines, National Executive Director and Chief of Staff for U.S. Exercise Tiger Foundation (USTF); Lilia Dollinger, Property Owner

Conference Call Information:

Number: 425-585-6224 Access Code: 802-162-168

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Commission

- 1. Proclamation recognizing Direct Support Professionals Day**

Commissioner Thompson stated this is a great week to recognize Direct Support Professionals. Commissioner Thompson stated she would like everyone to think of when they have needed help in their life, when they have had a challenge, and the people who help them make it through the day. Commissioner Thompson stated we are blessed here in Boone County to have many people who serve in that capacity, many of them in Boone County Family Resources.

Commissioner Thompson read the following Proclamation:

- Whereas, direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistants, personal attendants, and in-home support workers are the primary providers of long-term services for millions of individuals with disabilities; and
 - Whereas, direct support professionals must build close, respectful, and trusted relationships with the individuals they help support; and
 - Whereas, direct support professionals provide a broad range of individualized support enabling individuals to live meaningful and productive lives; and
 - Whereas, direct support professionals help persons with disabilities participate fully in their communities and remain connected to family and friends; and
 - Whereas, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings, and that number is projected to increase over the next decade; and
 - Whereas, approximately 725 direct support professionals currently provide support to over 700 people with disabilities in our community.
- Therefore, in recognition of the dedication of and vital role played by direct support professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities, the Boone County Commission does hereby declare September 11-17, 2022 as Direct Support Professionals Week.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this 13th day of September 2022.

Natasha Sigoloff, Director of Supported Living for Boone County Family Resources, stated she would like to thank Boone County and the Commissioners for allowing them to represent all the Direct Support Professionals. Ms. Sigoloff stated Boone County Family Resources is one of many organizations that have amazing staff that ensure Boone County residents with intellectual disabilities live a life they want to live and in homes they desire.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record, the proclamation recognizing September 11-17, 2022 as Direct Support Professionals Week.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #443-2022**

Health Department

2. First and Second Reading: Nuisance Abatement Parcel # 12-417-19-01-039.00 01

Environmental health Specialist Chrystal Smart stated they have been working with this property since the end of May 2022 and have not seen any improvements. Ms. Smart stated she went by the property on Friday of last week and noticed there was an additional vehicle on the property, along with the original vehicles.

Property Owner Lilia Dollinger stated this is her property, but she hasn't been home, she has been with her daughter who has since moved to Texas. Ms. Dollinger stated, when her daughter moved, they "threw all this stuff in my yard" and she couldn't do anything because she was sick. Ms. Dollinger stated even now, she's sick and sitting here today she is cold. Ms. Dollinger stated she would like to get an extension so she can work on it. Ms. Dollinger stated she has made a deal with her mechanic that he will fix a couple of the vehicles on her property in exchange for him keeping the rest of the vehicles. Commissioner Thompson stated that the pictures presented today show more than vehicles, there is a lot of junk lying around. Ms. Dollinger stated her daughter moved to Texas in the middle of the night and left everything in her front yard and she was sick at that time. Commissioner Atwill stated the Commission would enter an order that allows the Health Department to have the property removed, at the owner's expense, and stated she can work something out with the Health Department before they take those steps.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this 13th day of September 2022, the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri met in regular session and entered the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order for abatement of nuisance:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

The County Commission finds as fact and concludes as a matter of law the following:

1. The Boone County Code of Health Regulations (the "Code") are officially noticed and are made a part of the record in this proceeding.
2. The City of Columbia/Boone County Health Department administrative record is made a part of the record in this proceeding and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, any live testimony of the official(s) of the department and other interested persons are made a part of the record in this proceeding.
3. A public nuisance exists described as follows: *trash, rubbish, garbage, broken furniture and unlicensed, derelict, inoperable vehicles on the premises.
4. The location of the public nuisance is as follows 1603 E Tower Dr, Columbia, MO, a/k/a parcel# 12-417-19-01-039.00 01, Gas Light Acres Blk 2 Lot 17, Section 19,

Township 49, Range 12 as shown by deed book 5624 page 0044, Boone County

5. The specific violation of the Code is: trash, rubbish, garbage and broken furniture and unlicensed, derelict, inoperable vehicles in violation of section 6.5 of the Code.

6. The Health Director's designated Health Official made the above determination of the existence of the public nuisance at the above location. Notice of that determination and the requirement for abatement was given in accordance with section 6.10.1 of the Code on the 24 day of June 2022, to the property owner.

7. The above described public nuisance was not abated. As required by section 6.10.2 of the Code, the property owner was given notice of the hearing conducted this date before the Boone County Commission for an order to abate the above nuisance at government expense with the cost and expense thereof to be charged against the above described property as a special tax bill and added to the real estate taxes for said property for the current year.

8. No credible evidence has been presented at the hearing to demonstrate that no public nuisance exists or that abatement has been performed or is unnecessary; accordingly, in accordance with section 6.10.2 of the Code and section 67.402, RSMo, the County Commission finds and determines from the credible evidence presented that a public nuisance exists at the above location which requires abatement and that the parties responsible for abating such nuisance have failed to do so as required by the Health Director or Official's original order referred to above.

Order for Abatement Chargeable as a Special Assessment to The Property

Based upon the foregoing, the County Commission hereby orders abatement of the above described public nuisance at public expense and the Health Director is hereby authorized and directed to carry out this order.

It is further ordered and directed that the Health Director submit a bill for the cost and expense of abatement to the County Clerk for attachment to this order and that the County Clerk submit a certified copy of this order and such bill to the County Collector for inclusion as a special assessment on the real property tax bill for the above described property for the current year in accordance with section 67.402, RSMo.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #444-2022**

Resource Management

- 3. First Reading: Adopt-a-Road Program – Approve application for Harold Cunningham/Rippeto Road**

Right-of-Way Agent Natalie Meighan stated this area is adjacent to an area of road these individuals in Fox Hollow already adopted and will complete that section along River Road up to Easley.

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

Purchasing

4. First Reading: Award Finance Enterprise Contract C000443, Co-op Contract CT220337001 for PC Prime Vendor Services with SHI Corporation of Dallas, Texas

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo: Purchasing requests permission to use contract CT220337001 for PC Prime Vendor Services established by the State of Missouri Office of Administration with SHI International, Inc. of Dallas, Texas as a cooperative contract. The contract is intended for purchases of computer software, hardware, supplies and services. The Finance Enterprise contract number is C000443.

The contract period runs September 01, 2022 through June 30, 2024. There are three (3) additional one-year renewal options available.

This is a Countywide Term & Supply contract.

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

5. First Reading: Cooperative Contract: C000486 (City of Columbia Coop 11/2022) – Towing Services. Purchasing is seeking to utilize the City of Columbia towing services contract for use by our departments to tow County-owned vehicles

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo: Purchasing requests permission for County-Wide use of the City of Columbia cooperative contract 11/2022 to purchase Towing Services from Slate Towing and Performance, L.L.C. d/b/a I-70 Towing of Columbia, Missouri. Boone County contract number is C000486.

This is a county-wide term and supply contract that will be primarily used by Sheriff's office and Road and Bridge department. Contract term is September 7, 2022 through June 6, 2023 with four, 1-year renewal periods.

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

6. **First Reading: Cooperative Contract: C000484 (City of Columbia Coop 70/2022) – Asphalt. Purchasing is seeking to utilize the City of Columbia asphalt term and supply contract for use by our departments to purchase asphalt for repair and maintenance work.**

Senior Buyer Liz Palazzolo read the following memo: Road & Bridge requests permission to utilize the City of Columbia cooperative contract 70/2022 to purchase Asphalt from Capital Materials, LLC.

This is a term and supply contract and will be paid from department 2040 – RB Road Maintenance, account 26000 – Pavement Repairs Material.

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

Human Resources

7. **First Reading: Request for standing authority to hire above FHR for positions 304, Office Specialist Pool, and 929, Office Specialist II Pool in the Collector's Office**

Director of Human Resources Jenna Redel stated this request is for standing authority to hire above FHR for the Collector's Office positions for the tax season. Ms. Redel stated these are temporary, full-time non-benefitted positions. Ms. Redel stated a similar order was done for the Boone County Clerk's Office to hire their temporary Election Specialist positions; and the Collector's Office is asking for the same authority.

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

Joint Communications

8. **First Reading: Request to amend Order 392-2022**

Director of Joint Communications Chad Martin stated on August 18, 2022, Commission approved Order 392-2022, but the department had failed to put an effective date for August 15, 2022 on that order. Director Martin stated this request is to amend that order and add the effective date at the request of Human Resources.

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

9. First Reading: Request to transfer fixed asset

Director of Joint Communications Chad Martin stated Joint Communications is requesting Commission approval to transfer asset number 20938, a 12x21 equipment shelter that is a legacy asset from the City of Columbia, prior to the transfer of Joint Communications to the County. Director Martin stated this building was on the Sheriff's Office campus used as an offsite auxiliary backup and training center and it is no longer needed, as they have resources elsewhere. Director Martin stated the Sheriff's Office has a use for the building and it is already on that campus, so he is requesting transfer of that asset.

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

Emergency Management

10. Second Reading: Application for State Homeland Security Program Grant (First Read 09.08.22)

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the State Homeland Security Program Grant Application submitted by the Emergency Management Department.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #445-2022**

Commission

11. First Reading: Resolution supporting Columbia Housing Authority's application for tax credits for the Park Avenue project

Randy Cole, CEO of Columbia Housing Authority, stated he would like to thank the Commission for their support of the Columbia Housing Authority Park Ave project. Mr. Cole stated this is a much-needed investment in the community and they are excited to move forward with the project. Mr. Cole stated he has brought documents today to submit into the record and would again like to thank the Commission for their continued support.

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


12. Public Comment

Adam Saunders, co-founder of the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture stated he is here to follow up on a joint proposal for ARPA funds that he and Ms. Lopez of The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri brought to the Commissioners last week. Mr. Saunders stated he feels this is a “slam dunk” for ARPA funding, as this is a need in the community. Mr. Saunders stated food insecurity is the fundamental need and ARPA funds are designed to help individuals who are disproportionately affected by COVID. Mr. Saunders stated since COVID and inflation, the need for food security has risen significantly. Mr. Saunders stated an allocation of ARPA dollars would put them in a spot to be shovel-ready for the project. Mr. Saunders stated they already have \$1 million to \$1.5 million in donations for this project, so the \$2 million they are requesting would put them in a spot where they could send this project to the bid this year. Mr. Saunders stated they are on the home stretch and can leverage the tax credits they have on hand, he would like the Commissions support for these one-time ARPA dollars and he is asking the Commissioners to invest in this project to address food insecurity in this region. Lindsay Lopez, President and CEO of The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, submitted a written statement to be attached to the bottom of the minutes.

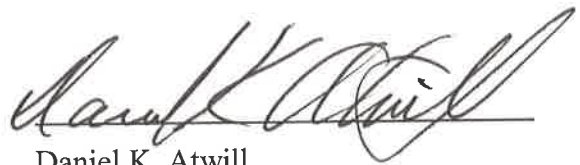
Susan Haines, National Executive Director and Chief of Staff for U.S. Exercise Tiger Foundation (USTF) stated she would like to thank Commissioner Atwill for his years of service to this community, to the state, and to our country. Ms. Haines stated being a veteran and now a soon-to-be retired Commissioner, it is her honor to present Commissioner Atwill with a Lifetime Achievement Public Service Award. Commissioner Atwill was also presented with a Civilian Commendation Medal.

13. Commissioner Reports

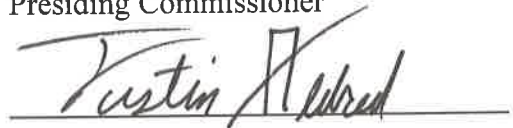
Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Daniel K. Atwill
Presiding Commissioner



Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson

District II Commissioner

Presentation to Boone County Commission September 13, 2022

Thank you for your time

Food insecurity is real and it is prevalent

- An estimated 21,000 Boone County residents are considered food insecure right now
- And the need is rising along with the rising cost of living and inflationary concerns

That is why TFB exists – to bring together community resources and partnerships to provide food to those in need

- We do that by providing food at no cost to 145 partner agencies and 197 schools in 32 counties
- In 2021 we provided 30m pounds of food with a wholesale value of more than \$50m

In Boone County, TFB provides food to 30 partner agencies including the Columbia Housing Authority, In2Action, Job Point, Phoenix Programs, Salvation Army, True North, Tiger Pantry, Voluntary Action Center, Welcome Home and more

- One of those partners is Central Pantry, located on Big Bear Blvd., which is the only agency owned and operated by TFB

As we gather today, Central Pantry is preparing to open

- Between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm today, they will serve an estimated 450 individuals
- If the month of September is like August or July, they will serve more than 9,000 Boone County citizens
- Over and over we hear from those we serve that they could not get by without the food they receive from Central Pantry and from TFB
- By providing food at no cost it frees up their resources for other needs such as housing, childcare, medical bills and transportation

Central Pantry does its work well

- Key partnerships like the longstanding one between the Pantry and ~~the~~ Columbia Center for Urban Ag mean that we can offer increased healthy options to those we serve; in fact ~~the~~ CCUA provided almost 40K pounds of fresh produce last year that was distributed through Central Pantry
- But on a daily basis we are dealing with numerous limitations in our current location, not to mention that it has visibility and accessibility issues
- When we learned that the former Mosers grocery store on the Business Loop at the I70 interchange was potentially available for purchase, it was a dream come true

It is not an understatement to say that this new space will transform our work – it will also transform what we offer those most in need

- The new location will offer increased visibility and accessibility
- It will allow us to expand partnerships like the one with ~~the~~ CCUA
- Best of all, it changes the narrative
- We can reduce the stigma associated with food insecurity and this will change lives in a profound way

Our renovation plans are nearly complete and we expect to occupy the building late in 2023

- The new building has nearly three times the square footage of our current location
- Our plans include a larger retail area that allows additional focus on nutrition education
- Part of the building will be dedicated warehouse space for non-perishables
- But we are also constructing cold storage for perishable, healthy food items
- Plans include a training kitchen that will be set-up as four home kitchens in order to provide hands on access and education for neighbors in need
- Our work with ~~the~~ CCUA will expand to offer ready to prepare nutritious meal kits that can encourage healthier lifestyles
- There will be dedicated space for visiting services such as legal aid, counseling, connecting to SNAP benefits and Medicaid, for example
- We are talking with a potential medical partner to provide onsite access for neighbors
- Our large parking lot will allow for things such as mobile medical screenings, numerous teaching opportunities and a raised garden that we will operate working with CCUA

I would add that we believe this to be an innovative model, as we can't find another pantry quite like the one we are creating

Along with rising number of people in need, COVID has meant rising costs for TFB

- We are spending three times more to purchase food than pre-COVID
- Our transportation costs are 2-3 times what they were pre-COVID
- We have had to be creative and adaptable in new ways to identify revenue streams to support our work
- And there is no end in sight

We are in the beginning of our capital plans to renovate the new Central Pantry

- The investment of Boone County in our new Central Pantry building project, combined with the funds we have raised to date in the quiet phase of a capital campaign, would put us more than halfway toward our fundraising goal
- Your support would constitute the lead gift and would allow us to go public with our capital campaign
- This would create incredible momentum and ensure our successful completion of the project
- Your investment would benefit Boone Countians in a remarkable way
- But that investment also transcends beyond the borders of our county as it provides a model that we can showcase throughout the 32 counties we serve, throughout the state of Missouri and nationally

Boone County has a long history of partnership with TFB and CCUA

- With COVID continuing to impact our work, we need your help now more than ever before

Respectfully, we ask you to consider an investment of \$5.5 M to launch our renovation plan and complete the CCUA's Agriculture Park

- Your investment in two of the most visible, reputable, impactful non-profits in this community will create a phenomenal return for those in need for years to come

Thank you for your consideration, leadership and support