

TERM OF COMMISSION: April Session of the April Adjourned Term

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

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson
Boone County Sheriff Dwayne Carey
Buyer Amy Gerskin
Director of Emergency Management Chris Kelley
Boone County Deputy County Clerk Jodi Vanskike

Conference Call Information:

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm and roll call was taken.

Commission

1. Proclamation in Remembrance on the 100th Anniversary of the Lynching of James T. Scott

Commissioner Thompson read the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the Boone County Commission acknowledges with great sorrow the harrowing death of James T. Scott, who, on April 29, 1923, was lynched in Columbia, Missouri, for a crime he did not commit; and

Whereas, a Chicago native, Mr. Scott moved to Columbia, Missouri, where he met his wife, Gertrude Carter, and worked as a janitor at the University of Missouri, and where he became a prominent community member, serving as a marshal in the community's annual Emancipation Day parade in 1922; and

- Whereas, on April 20, 1923, Regina Almstedt, the 14-year-old daughter of a professor of German, was assaulted while walking across Stewart Road Bridge on her way home from a music lesson; and
- Whereas, Miss Almstedt identified her attacker as a Black man with a mustache and, based on her description, Mr. Scott was arrested for the crime, despite his unrelenting insistence on his innocence and his colleagues' testimony as to his innocence; and
- Whereas, a week after the crime, before Mr. Scott could plead his case before the court, an angry mob forcibly removed the door of his jail cell with a blow torch and led him to the Stewart Road Bridge. Mr. Scott was pushed off the Stewart Road Bridge with a noose around his neck, lynched before he had the chance to present his case in court; and
- Whereas, soon after the lynching, facts emerged suggesting Miss Almstedt was mistaken in her identification of Mr. Scott, thus implicating someone else as the perpetrator of the crime; and
- Whereas, although hundreds were present at the lynching, only five men suspected of being members of the crowd were indicted and, of those, only one was tried for murder, a crime for which he was quickly found not guilty; and
- Whereas, after almost 70 years of near silence regarding the lynching, a University of Missouri student wrote an article about it as part of an undergraduate research project; and
- Whereas, this article opened the flood gates for researchers and writers to expand the knowledge and understanding of the crime and the racial climate at the time; and
- Whereas, this is a dark and shameful part of Columbia and Boone County's history and, because of that, it is essential that we remember it so we may reflect on how far we have come and how far we must go in the struggle against racism and the journey toward racial equality.
- Therefore, the Boone County Commission does hereby solemnly remember the lynching of James T. Scott on the 100th anniversary of his death, and the Commission encourages all citizens of Boone County to reflect upon this injustice, the meaning it has for our community, and how this meaning will guide our actions in the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this 27th day of April, 2023.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record, a Proclamation in Remembrance on the 100th Anniversary of the Lynching of James T. Scott.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #198-2023**

Sheriff's Office

2. First Reading: Detainee Housing Agreement with Montgomery County

Boone County Sheriff Dwayne Carey stated this is a renewal of a contract they have had for a few years. Sheriff Carey stated, in the past, Sheriff Allison of Montgomery County has charged \$41.00 per inmate per day. Sheriff Carey stated Montgomery County does a lot of transporting for Boone County, and Boone County keeps the 30 beds full. Sheriff Carey stated Sheriff Allison notified him that with the increases everyone is seeing, the price will be raised to \$45.00 per inmate per day.

Commissioner Kendrick 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.

3. First Reading: Budget Amendment for Dept 2540 to Cover Class 7

Boone County Sheriff Dwayne Carey stated that, based on a book called Extreme Ownership, they started this training last year, and it was exceptional. Sheriff Carey stated while he would love to say they are perfect in every aspect of their leadership, they are not, and this training mesmerized all of them. In fact, Treasurer Jenna Redel and Boone County Counselor CJ Dykhouse also attended this training.

Sheriff Carey stated the problem they ran into is the training was scheduled after the 2023 budget was finalized, so it's not in the budget at this time. Sheriff Carey stated he would like to bring the Navy SEALs that run the program back to expand on what they learned last year. Sheriff Carey stated they have partnered with the University of Missouri Police Department, Boone County Joint Communications, and the Boone County Office of Emergency Management to expand this training to as many people as possible so that they can benefit too. Sheriff Carey stated the cost is \$16,750.00, and he would like to pay for out of the Civil Process Fund, which is used for items such as this. Sheriff Carey stated the training will be July 20, 2023, for an all-day class.

Commissioner Kendrick 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

4. First Reading: Homeland Security Grant – Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission Subaward Agreement

Director of Emergency Management Chris Kelley stated this application was approved under Commission Order 250-2022. Director Kelley stated there is no County match. They are asking for money from State of Missouri Homeland Security, which passes through the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, to do an annual test of their generators, which are Homeland Security assets.

Commissioner Kendrick 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

5. First Reading: Cooperative Contract: State of Missouri Contract #CS21108001 – Temporary Employment Services – Clerical and Laborer Personnel Services with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc.

Buyer Amy Gerskin read the following memo: Human Resources requests permission to utilize the State of Missouri's cooperative contract CS21108001 – Temporary Employment Services – Clerical and Laborer Personnel Services with 22nd Century Technologies Inc. This is Term and Supply Contract C000627.

Commissioner Kendrick 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. Second Reading: Cooperative Contract: State of Missouri Contract CT220454002 – Temporary Employment Services – Project-Based IT Consulting Services QVL with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. – First Read 04.25.23

Commissioner Janet Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an Agreement with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., for Temporary Employment Services – Project-Based IT Consulting Services QVL.

The terms of the Agreement are set out in the attached Contract and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #199-2023**

7. Second Reading: Approval of Sole Source #167-123123SS for Annual Software Subscriptions for ESRI Software from Environmental Research Systems Inc. – First Read 04.25.23

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve Sole Source Request Form #167-123123SS for Environmental Research Systems Inc. Software Subscriptions from Environmental Research Systems Inc. of Los Angeles, California.

Payments will be paid using this Department/Object coding with budgeted amounts:

- 1176 – General Fund IT GIS/91302 – Computer Software: \$27,213.00
- 2708-911 – Emergency IT Hardware & Software/91302 – Computer Software: \$47,894.00
- 2012 – ASR IT Hardware & Software/91302 – Computer Software: \$18,505.00
- 2083 – Road & Bridge IT Hardware & Software/91302 – Computer Software: \$13,062.00
- 1172 – General Fund IT Hardware & Software/91302 – Computer Software: \$2,172.00

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #200-2023**

Commission

8. Public Comments

None

9. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Thompson stated she had a credentials meeting through NACo this morning and confirmed with John Losh that our reporting delegate for Boone County will be Commissioner Aldred. Commissioner Aldred stated he enjoys Boone County's involvement with NACo, his time working on NACo Committees, and the relationships that the County has formed with NACo over the years. Commissioner Aldred stated NACo is incredibly important and states we would not have funding from the American Rescue Plan Act/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds if it weren't for NACo. All the funds would be distributed at the state level, not the local level.

Attest:



Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission



Kip Kendrick

Presiding Commissioner



Justin Aldred
District I Commissioner



Janet M. Thompson
District II Commissioner