

TERM OF COMMISSION: May Session of the January 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
County Clerk Brianna Lennon
Road & Bridge Director Greg Edington
Information Technology Deputy Director Beth Boos
Information Technology Director Julia Lutz
Information Technology Manager Phillip Montes
Purchasing Director Melinda Bobbitt (via phone)
Purchasing Buyer Brijanna Purdy (via phone)
Purchasing Buyer Amy Gerskin (via phone)
Purchasing Buyer Michelle Brooks (via phone)
Emergency Management Deputy Director Jake Waller (via phone)
Joint Communications Director Christie Davis (via phone)
County Counselor CJ Dykhous (via phone)
Citizen: Steve Callis

Conference Call Information:

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Commissioner Kendrick thanked IT and Joint Communications for working so hard and efficiently during the previous morning's service outages. Commissioner Kendrick stated that planned redundancies were in place and the teams were able to act quickly to avoid disruptions, resulting in no missed calls to 911. Commissioner Kendrick stated that both teams deserved commendation on their quick action in minimizing disruptions as well as in communicating with the public.

Commission

1. First and Second Reading: Proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week.

Commissioner Aldred read the following Proclamation Recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week.

Whereas, the Compost Research & Education Foundation has declared the first full week of May as International Compost Awareness Week; and

Whereas, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil to restore the health of the soil and enable its essential function in the carbon cycle; and

Whereas, applying finished compost is a proven method of growing healthy food, conserving water during extreme drought, providing resiliency during flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution, decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, and remediating fire damaged lands; and

Whereas, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, straw and hay have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and

Whereas, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and

Whereas, International Compost Awareness Week is an awareness and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and

Whereas, composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs; and

Whereas, the 2026 theme is “Compost: Feed the Soil that Feeds Us.” The 2026 theme was chosen to highlight the benefits of composting in agriculture and food production and its role in supporting healthy, nutritious food and, by extension, healthy people and communities. Beyond responsible waste management, composting recognizes the interconnectedness between every person who eats and the earth that provides all of our food, as well as feeding the earth our scraps so that the soil may continue to provide for us abundantly. Compost grows healthy soil, healthy food, and a healthy nation.

Therefore, we, the Boone County Commission, do hereby recognize May 3-9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week in recognition of the efforts of the Compost Research & Education Foundation and all those who compost and support composting, and encourage all Boone Countians to recognize and embrace the importance of compost to our lives and our world.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone recognizes May 3-9, 2026, as International Compost Awareness Week in recognition of the efforts of the Compost Research & Education Foundation and all those who compost and support composting.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #225-2026**

2. First and Second Reading: Proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week.

Commissioner Thompson requested to speak on both the proclamation recognizing May 3-9, 2026, as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week and the proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Commissioner Kendrick agreed. Commissioner Thompson stated that she intentionally wore a sweater that says “You are enough,” because the suicide rate among children and adults in the United States is at an incredibly high rate. Commissioner Thompson stated that there has been a lot of effort in Boone County and the City of Columbia to reduce the stigma of mental health, which has historically been overlooked and undervalued. Commissioner Thompson stated that, because of the Children’s Mental Health Tax, Boone County has been able to focus attention on those issues, including the beneficial initiative of the mental health checkup for every child from kindergarten through 12th grade twice per year. Commissioner Thompson remembered a teacher who reported a concern based upon one of these checks when she had a conversation with a fourth-grade student who had a plan, knew the date and time, and knew the way in which she was going to complete suicide. The teacher was able to report this

concern to mental health professionals, and the student's life was saved. Commissioner Thompson stated that mental health is health, and children's mental health awareness is a part of that conversation. Commissioner Thompson stated that anyone who is suffering from mental health challenges may contact 988, and she encouraged anyone who sees someone in a mental health crisis to reach out, even if it is just a smile and asking, "Are you okay?"

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week in the County of Boone, and urges all residents to recognize the importance of supporting the mental wellness of our children and their families.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3-0. **Order #226-2026**

3. First and Second Reading: Proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby recognize May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month and encourages everyone to celebrate the 2026 theme of "More Good Days, Together" by reflecting on personal and community mental health, supporting each other both on good days and bad, and working together to reduce stigma and advocate for a community that recognizes that mental health is health.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3-0. **Order #227-2026**

Road & Bridge

4. First Reading: Approving Change Order #1 in connection with the new fuel systems project

Road & Bridge Director Greg Edington stated that the Change Order would result in small changes to the original contract sum for a net change of \$1,671.44. Mr. Edington stated that an additional sub-panel breaker box and breakers need to be installed at the Tom Bass facility to accommodate a shunt-trip design to the power side of the system. Mr. Edington stated that an additional FMU unit (FM Live) needs to be installed in the Hallsville site to ensure that fuel keys will be compatible between the Tom Bass and jail fuel sites. Mr. Edington stated that rock and hauling fees at the jail fuel site would be deducted from the contract amount.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

Emergency Management

5. First Reading: Budget Revision Dept 2700/2702 (911/EM Non-Departmental / Emergency Management Operations) Move D4H Software to OEM's budget

Emergency Management Deputy Director Jake Waller stated that the Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval to move D4H Software out of contingency and into the OEM budget. Mr. Waller stated that D4H is an emergency management software suite that helps strengthen incident management, communication, and documentation by ensuring that all officials and responders have access to the same information in real-time with time- and date-stamps, resources, personnel, and cost information, and it replaces paper-based documentation with cloud systems. Mr. Waller stated that the vendor has agreed to honor last year's quote of \$9,950.

Commissioner Kendrick asked how long the initial quote would be valid and if the prices may increase soon. Mr. Waller stated that the quoted cost of \$9,950 would be for one year, and increases would go into effect in subsequent contract negotiations. Commissioner Thompson stated that the software should give officials a much more accurate picture of what is going on.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

6. First and Second Reading: Columbia Memorial Stair Climb Contract for Services

Mr. Waller stated that the Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval to sign a contract with Columbia Memorial Stair Climb to provide preparedness information and community outreach at its upcoming event in June. Mr. Waller stated that the Columbia Memorial Stair Climb is a non-profit organization founded in 2016 to honor first-responders who have died in the line of duty, and proceeds from the event are donated to charities that support first-responders and their families. Mr. Waller stated that the contract is in the amount of \$1,000, which will provide booth space for staff.

Commissioner Aldred asked how big the event typically is. Mr. Waller stated that the event gets larger every year, usually including several hundred climbers who participate in the simulated 9/11 stair climb, and several hundred others who come to support the climbers and want to pay their respects. Commissioner Thompson requested that Mr. Waller send her a reminder of the date and time of the event, and Mr. Waller agreed to do so.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the Boone County Emergency Management's contract for services with Columbia Memorial Stair Climb. The terms of the agreement are set out in the attached and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #228-2026**

Purchasing

7. First Reading: Award of Contract C001100 from the Public Promise Procurement National Cooperative Contract #250054 for County-Wide Onsite Shredding Services with Iron Mountain Information Management, LLC

Purchasing Buyer Amy Gerskin stated that the Boone County Purchasing Department requests permission to utilize the Public Promise Procurement National Cooperative Contract #250054 for Offsite Document Storage and Management with Iron Mountain Information Management, LLC for county-wide, onsite, shredding services. This is a county-wide term and supply contract. The initial contract term is April 1, 2026, through August 31, 2030. The County may renew the contract for a maximum of five additional years.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

8. First Reading: Bid Award Recommendation: (C001136) 20-27APR26 – Point-to-Point Metro Ethernet Connection with Socket Telecom, LLC

Purchasing Buyer Michelle Brooks stated that the Request for Bid 20-27APR26 – Point-to-Point Metro Ethernet Connection closed on April 27, 2026. The County received two responses from the following bidders: Missouri Network Alliance, LLC d/b/a Bluebird Fiber and Socket Telecom, LLC. The Information Technology Department recommends awarding the contract to Socket Telecom, LLC, as the best bid. The County contract number is C001136. Invoices will be paid from Department 2083 – R&B IT Hardware & Software, account 48002 – Data Communication. A total of \$15,600 is budgeted annually for this service.

Commissioner Kendrick requested the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

9. First Reading: Amendment #2 to C000991 (15-20) – Telecommunications Maintenance and Related Services with Communications International Inc.

Purchasing Director Melinda Bobbitt stated that Purchase Agreement C000991 (15-20) – Telecommunications Maintenance and Related Services with Communications International Inc. was approved by Commission on September 16, 2025, Commission Order 460-2025. Amendment #2 adds the replacement of the Grissum radio tower site. Total cost is \$1,488,807.73. Two million dollars are budgeted in Department 2706 – Boone County Joint Communications Radio Improvements, Account 91900 – Construction in Progress

Commissioner Kendrick asked Joint Communications Director Christie Davis what the next steps in the process would be if the contract amendment were to be approved. Ms. Davis stated that the goal would be to begin this part of the project around the first part of July to ensure that all of the equipment is delivered to Boone County in time, at which point the project would run 16-18 months to install the tower, then equipment installation. Commissioner Kendrick stated that the tower replacement is a priority for Boone County and the City of Columbia, and the upgrades are critical to public safety.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

10. First Reading: Award of Contract C001129 (MC250182007) - 2026 Ford F550 for the Boone County Road & Bridge Department

Purchasing Buyer Brijanna Purdy stated that the Boone County Purchasing Department requests permission to utilize the State of Missouri QVL #MC250182007 – New Motor Vehicles with MCMFO, LLC DBA Joe Machens Ford Lincoln to purchase one new 2026 Ford F550 with Knapheide equipment package for the Road & Bridge Department. Quotes were solicited from each of the 15 dealerships listed on the QVL's Medium Duty Vehicles category list. Three responses were received. The Boone County Road & Bridge Department recommends award to MCMFO, LLC for providing the lowest and best quote. The Boone County contract number is C001129. Total cost of this purchase is \$87,459. The Purchasing Department requests permission to dispose of the following surplus: 2016 Ford F550 Crew Truck 4X4 – Tag #19781. This purchase will be paid by Department 2040 – R&B Road Maintenance, Account 92400 – Replacement Auto/Trucks with a budget of \$90,000.

Commissioner Kendrick stated that the Ford F550 that was purchased in 2015 cost significantly less than the 2026 vehicle. Commissioner Thompson stated that the new vehicle has a \$25,000 optional equipment package but agreed that it is necessary for the use of the vehicle.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk place the matter on a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

11. Second Reading: Contracts and Amendments Signed by Purchasing Director for 1st quarter of fiscal year 2026 – **First Read 4.30.26**

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby acknowledge the attached report documenting the contracts approved by the Purchasing Director as the County's Purchasing Agent (as designated in Commission Order 114-2022) during the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2026.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #229-2026**

12. Second Reading: Amendment 1: C001116 (R230301) Educational School Supplies, Instructional Solutions and Related Products with Lakeshore Learning Materials LLC – **First Read 4.30.26**

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a Contract Amendment with Lakeshore Learning Materials, LLC. for Educational School Supplies, Instructional Solutions, and Related Products. The terms of the contract amendment are set out in the attached contract amendment and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #230-2026**

13. Second Reading: Cooperative Contract Award: C001122 (NASPO ValuePoint AR3189) – Data Communications Products and Services for Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions, Inc. with ROK Brothers Inc. as the distributor - **First Read 4.30.26**

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve a contract with ROK Brothers Inc. for Data Communications Products and Services for Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions, Inc. The terms of the contract are set out in the attached contract and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #231-2026**

14. Second Reading: Award of Contract C001128 (11-18MAR26) - Dedicated Internet Access for Guest Wi-Fi Services for the Boone County Information Technology Department - **First Read 4.30.26**

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the award of Contract C001128 (11-18MAR26) – Dedicated Internet Access for Guest Wi-Fi Services for the Boone County Information Technology Department. The contract is set out in the attached and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #232-2026**

15. Second Reading: Award of Contract C001103 (MC2260192003) -
Ammunition for the Boone County Sheriff's Office - **First Read 4.30.26**

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the award of Contract C001103 (MC260192003) – Ammunition for the Boone County Sheriff's Office. The terms of the contract are set out in the attached contract and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #233-2026**

IT

16. Second Reading: Budget Amendment for 1172, 2708, 1420, 2160, 2083, 2012, 6107, 1176 (IT Hardware, 911/EM, Community Services, Road & Bridge, Assessor, Facilities Management, IT GIS) 2027 PC & Laptop Replacements – **First Read 04.21.26 (Open Public Hearing)**

Commissioner Kendrick opened the public hearing and asked if any members of the public were present by phone or in person who wished to speak on the budget amendment. Hearing none, Commissioner Kendrick closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Budget Amendment to purchase 2027 PC and Laptop Replacements.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #234-2026**

Commission

17. Public Comments

No public comments

18. Commissioner Reports

No Commissioner reports

Attest:



Kip Kendrick
Presiding Commissioner

Brianna Lennon SEC

Brianna L. Lennon
Clerk of the County Commission

Justin Aldred

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District I Commissioner

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