

TERM OF COMMISSION: June 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
Deputy County Clerk II Sarah Oldfather
County Counselor CJ Dykhouse
Resource Management Chief Engineer Jeff McCann
Information Technology Deputy Director Beth Boos
Road & Bridge Director Greg Edington
Community Services Deputy Director Kristin Cummins
Community Services Program Specialist Kerby Webb
Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Roger Johnson
Joint Communications Director Christie Davis (via phone)
Sheriff's Office Captain Brian Leer (via phone)
Citizens David and Rhonda Fingar

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

County Counselor

1. First and Second Reading: Approving the addition of a name to the appropriate War Memorial on the Boone County Courthouse Plaza – SPC Jason David Fingar

County Counselor CJ Dykhous stated that SPC Jason David Fingar is an eligible veteran for inclusion on the Global War on Terrorism War Memorial. Mr. Dykhous stated that SPC Fingar's parents are in attendance and have submitted an application pursuant to the policy that was adopted regarding the memorial in 2016. Mr. Dykhous stated that staff have determined that SPC Fingar is an eligible veteran to be placed on the memorial. Mr. Dykhous stated that Mr. and Mrs. Fingar request that the Commissioners authorize the addition of SPC Fingar to the Global War on Terrorism War Memorial.

Commissioner Kendrick, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fingar for bringing this application forward and Mr. Dykhous for guiding the application through the process and facilitating the inclusion on the memorial. Mr. Dykhous stated that it was his honor to help.

Commissioner Kendrick asked Mr. Dykhous about next steps and timelines. Mr. Dykhous stated that he will work with the monument company that installed the memorial in 2016. Mr. Dykhous stated that the company will add SPC Fingar's name directly underneath SPC Sterling William Wyatt, as shown in the proof included with the application. Mr. Dykhous stated that the company will mobilize equipment to inscribe the new information on the memorial on site.

Mr. Dykhous stated that Mrs. Fingar has indicated a desire to gather other Gold Star families for Veterans Day 2026. Mr. Dykhous stated that he has been in contact with the US Air Force Sergeant in the ROTC program at the University of Missouri, and she is very interested in accommodating Mr. and Mrs. Fingar. Mr. Dykhous stated that he will connect Mr. and Mrs. Fingar with the Sergeant to help facilitate inclusion in the Veterans Day 2026 ceremony, by which time SPC Fingar's name will have been added to the memorial.

Commission Thompson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Fingar for submitting the application and for SPC Fingar's service and all he did for this country.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the addition of the following name to the appropriate War Memorial maintained in the Boone County Courthouse Plaza:

SPC Jason David Fingar

Operation Enduring Freedom

The documentation supporting this addition is attached to and incorporated in this Order.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3-0. **Order #301-2026**

Resource Management

2. First Reading: MoDOT Soft Match Credit exchange request between Boone County and Pulaski County

Resource Management Chief Engineer Jeff McCann stated that the Soft Match Credit exchange with Pulaski County will transfer \$138,461.54 of Soft Match Credit funds from Boone County to Pulaski County, and Pulaski County will in turn pay Boone County a cash amount of \$90,000. Mr. McCann stated that this will leave Boone County with just over \$74,000 in Soft Match Credit until Resource Management submits for the bridge that will be constructed this year.

Commissioner Kendrick stated that it is good to be able to help out another county in this way. Commissioner Kendrick asked if this exchange is something that has been done historically or if it is a new practice. Mr. McCann stated that he knows of one other exchange since he started working with Resource Management. Mr. McCann stated that Boone County has been fortunate to have bridges that are eligible for the Soft Match Credit that helped build up the balance. Mr. McCann stated that other counties need the credit and are willing to pay the discounted rate in cash. Mr. McCann stated that this is beneficial to Boone County, because the County can then use that cash on non-Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BRO) eligible bridges, then reapply for new Soft Match Credit for bridges that are eligible.

Commissioner Kendrick thanked Mr. McCann for his work on the program and stated that it is nice to be able to help other counties with Boone County benefiting at the same time. Commissioner Thompson stated that Commissioners in other counties have expressed appreciation for the cooperation with Boone County, because their bridges are in the BRO program, so this exchange helps them with much needed infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk add the matter to a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

Community Service

3. First Reading: Budget Amendment for Department 1420 (Community Services Admin) for Release of Contingency for Re-Entry Navigator Program

Community Services Deputy Director Kristin Cummins stated that the Community Services Department is requesting a Budget Amendment to move funds to provide funding for Re-Entry Navigator Program expenditures. Ms. Cummins stated that funding from the National Opioid

Settlement Fund is currently in a contingency account. Ms. Cummins stated that this Budget Amendment would move \$65,000 from Department 1123, Account 3810 to Department 1420, Account 3810 to pay for the revenue base for the contract. Ms. Cummins stated that the \$65,000 will be added to Department 1420, Account 71100 for Outsourced Services.

Commissioner Thompson stated that an article was published in this quarter's edition of *Missouri Jails* magazine that discussed the re-entry program and the opportunities that it provides to the participants to keep the recidivism rate much lower. Commissioner Thompson stated that she is excited to see the program coming to Boone County and to see how it will work in this community.

A discussion was had about the difference between a Budget Amendment and a Budget Revision. The decision was made to keep the request as a Budget Amendment, which will still allow the contract to start on July 1.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk add the matter to a future meeting agenda for a second reading pending the 10-day waiting period.

Joint Communications

4. First and Second Reading: Boone County Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the Southern Boone County Fire Protection District

Joint Communications Director Christie Davis stated that the Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the Southern Boone County Fire Protection District will provide one-time funding for the purchase of 61 Motorola APX8000XE portable radios, 27 Motorola APX8500 mobile radios, 67 Unication G5+ P25 Dual Band pagers, and upgrades to six existing APX8000XE portable radios and nine existing APX8500 mobile radios for compatibility with the new Boone County Public Safety 800 MHz P25 radio system.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the Southern Boone County Fire Protection District. The terms of the agreement are set out in the attached, and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #302-2026**

5. First and Second Reading: Boone County Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Police Department

Ms. Davis stated that the Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Police Department will provide one-time funding for the purchase of 237 L3Harris XL-200P portable radios and 119 L3Harris XL-200M mobile radios for compatibility with the new Boone County Public Safety 800 MHz P25 radio system.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Police Department. 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 #303-2026**

6. First and Second Reading: Boone County Joint Communications Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Fire Department

Ms. Davis stated that the Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Fire Department will provide one-time funding for the purchase of 71 Motorola APX8000XE and APX Next portable radios, 55 Motorola APX8500 mobile radios, 32 Unication G5+ P25 Dual Band pagers, and upgrades to 82 existing Motorola APX8000EX mobile radios and 15 existing Motorola APX8500 portable radios for compatibility with the new Boone County Public Safety 800 MHz P25 radio system.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an Interoperable Radio System Cooperative Agreement with the City of Columbia for the Columbia Fire Department. The terms of the agreement are set out in the attached, and the Presiding Commissioner is authorized to sign the same.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #304-2026**

IT

7. First and Second Reading: Budget Revision for Department 2708 (911/EM IT Technical Support) ESInet Hardware – Intrado

Information Technology Deputy Director Beth Boos stated that this Budget Revision moves funds from Department 2701, Account 48000 (Boone County Joint Communications 911 Operations, Telephone) to Department 2708, Account 92301 (911/EM IT Hardware & Software) and Department 2708, Account 71101 (911/EM IT Hardware & Software)

Professional Services) for the purchase of additional hardware and services related to the ESInet project.

Commissioner Kendrick stated that he heard the meeting about this project went well, and the start date was pushed back slightly. Commissioner Kendrick asked Ms. Boos what the current standing was and if anything unanticipated had come up. Ms. Boos stated that the project is on track, and she had a meeting earlier that morning regarding the configuration moving forward. Ms. Boos stated that a combination of Lumen, AT&T, and Entrado came together to design the configuration for the system. Ms. Boos stated that the go-live date has been moved to the middle of August, but confirmed dates are still pending from Entrado and AT&T. Ms. Boos stated that the additional hardware necessitated moving the start date back slightly. Ms. Boos stated that a contract amendment for Entrado will be presented to the Commission in the near future. Commissioner Kendrick asked if there were any changes to the AT&T contract, and Ms. Boos stated that there are none.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Budget Revision to transfer funds from BC Joint Comm/Telephones to 911/EM IT Hardware & Software for the ESInet project.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #305-2026**

Prosecutor

8. First and Second Reading: Application for Department of Justice – Office for Victims of Crime OVC-2026-172620 Services for Victims of Crime

Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Roger Johnson stated that this grant application will be for a Victim Specialist position. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that he anticipates funding for the current position to end in the next few years, so this grant would allow the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to create a similar position, but one that would focus on violent crime rather than specifically on domestic violence.

Commissioner Kendrick asked if this would be a new position or a shift to an existing position. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that this would be supplanting an existing position and funding source. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that, initially, they may have two separate positions, but he anticipates the original source of funding and therefore the current position to end within the next year or so.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve an application to apply for the federal grant – Department of Justice – Office for Victims of Crime OVC-2026-172620 Services for Victims of Crime.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #306-2026**

9. First Reading: Boone County Prosecutor's budget request to the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division for IV-D services.

Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that the proposed budget is for Child Support Operations, which is reimbursed through the state. Mr. Johnson stated that this budget exceeds the budget for reimbursement by \$3,600, but in prior years, the office has not always received the full reimbursement due to not having enough budget items to use the full amount. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that, this year, there is a need for more than what the State has provided in previous years. Prosecuting Attorney Johnson stated that they have requested an increasingly higher reimbursement rate for the last several years, and the reimbursement rate has remained flat for the last 14 years. Commissioner Kendrick stated that the budget request will demonstrate the total cost of the program.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk add the matter to a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

Sheriff

10. First Reading: FY2025 JAG Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Columbia

Sheriff's Office Captain Brian Leer stated that this Intergovernmental Agreement is between the City of Columbia and the County of Boone and relates to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, colloquially known as the JAG Grant. Captain Leer stated that the funds from the grant have been released for FY2025, and the Boone County Sheriff's Office has submitted an application for the grant in tandem with the City of Columbia. Captain Leer stated that the Commission has previously reviewed the application, and he expects the award to be granted soon. Captain Leer stated that the office has been allotted \$38,041, and the Intergovernmental Agreement would oversee dispersing these funds. Captain Leer stated that 60%, or \$28,818.60 will go to the City of Columbia, and 40%, or \$19,212.40 will go to the County of Boone.

Commissioner Kendrick requested that the Clerk add the matter to a future meeting agenda for a second reading.

Commission

11. First and Second Reading: Organizational Use of the Courthouse Plaza – National Day of Prayer

Commissioner Kendrick stated that the Columbia Women's Ministry has requested use of the Courthouse Plaza on May 6, 2027, with a set up time of 9 a.m., event start time at 10 a.m., event ending at 2 p.m., and cleanup time by 3:30 p.m.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the application for the organizational use of the Boone County Courthouse Plaza by Columbia Women's Ministry on May 6, 2027, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the National Day of Prayer.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-0. **Order #307-2026**

12. Public Comments

No public comments

13. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended a data center conference that was put on by and intended for the Missouri Association of Counties, the Missouri Municipal League, and the Missouri School Board Association. Commissioner Thompson stated that, among the slate of speakers, a Commissioner from Loudoun County, Virginia, provided information about how they analyzed data center requests. Commissioner Thompson stated that they have 15 topics for community consideration when reviewing a new request. Commissioner Thompson stated that the presentation will be provided for review at a later time, and she found value in his perspective. Commissioner Thompson stated that media was present outside the venue.

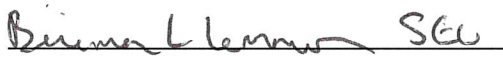
Commissioner Thompson stated that she also attended a session featuring takeaways from elected officials from other jurisdictions that have data centers or are preparing for future development. Commissioner Thompson stated that it was interesting to hear different perspectives on the values behind data centers; some speakers viewed the prospect with a focus on job creation, retaining population, or sustaining businesses in the community. Commissioner Thompson stated that one community had been on a four-day school week, and now they are on a five-day week because of the additional funding that is coming into the county. Commissioner Thompson stated that another data center paid for lunch for all of its employees and, because it was operational seven days per week, nearby restaurants had a guaranteed 500 lunches ordered per day.

Commissioner Thompson stated that there was conversation about the kind of power that the data centers are using and will use in the future. Commissioner Thompson stated that the Commissioner from Loudoun County predicts they will use the small modular nuclear reactors, as other options are unsustainable. Commissioner Thompson stated that there was previous reporting that water used for the data centers showed a high level of plastic particulates, and there has now been research that has discovered heavy metals in the water.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the communities across the country that have approved the data centers in their communities are planned and zoned, but the ones in Missouri are typically communities that do not have those guardrails. Commissioner Thompson stated that she is interested in having further conversations to explore what tools communities have when they do not have Planning and Zoning.

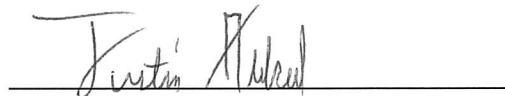
Commissioner Thompson stated that it was a long day, but it was interesting, and there were many people gathered around the event facility protesting.

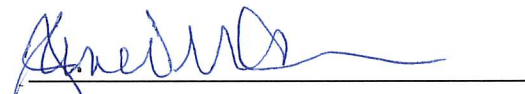
Attest:

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