

TERM OF COMMISSION: September Session of the July Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick  
District I Commissioner Justin Aldred  
District II Commissioner Janet Thompson  
Deputy Director of Emergency Management Jake Waller  
Budget Administrator Kelle Westcott  
Stormwater Coordinator Nicki Rinehart  
Boone County Deputy Clerk III Jodi Vanskike

**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.

**Commission**

1. Proclamation Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Commissioner Thompson read the following Proclamation:

**Whereas,** according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the 11<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death overall in the US, claiming the lives of over 49,316 people in 2023; and

**Whereas,** in the United States in 2023, there were over two times as many suicides as there were homicides, with an average of 135 suicides completed daily and an estimated 1.5 million attempts made; and

- Whereas,** suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10-34; the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35-44; and the fifth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 45 and 54; and
- Whereas,** Boone County is not exempt from this devastating trend, with 143 suicides having been completed in Boone County between 2019 and 2023, with the male suicide rate being 3.8 times higher than the female rate; and
- Whereas,** suicidal thoughts can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and each and every suicide directly impacts a minimum of 100 individuals, including family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and community members; and
- Whereas,** September, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, is a time for all community members to gain an awareness of how they can help decrease the risk of suicide by speaking openly about the importance of mental health and the impacts of suicide; to help remove the surrounding stigmas; and to help provide access to support services for those in need; and
- Whereas,** local campaign Look Around Boone believes mental health is “everybody’s business,” in a literal sense, and therefore encourages the community to work toward reducing mental health stigma and encourages youth and families to address social, emotional, and behavioral concerns; and
- Whereas,** regional organizations, like the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Greater Mid-Missouri Chapter and Suicide Prevention Services, and national organizations, like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, are on the front lines of a war many refuse to acknowledge, as suicide and mental health remain, for many, too uncomfortable to discuss.
- Therefore,** the Boone County Commission does hereby recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, identifies suicide prevention as a priority, and encourages all Boone County citizens to learn how they can help their loved ones and their community at large.

Commissioner Aldred moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby enter into the record a proclamation recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #472-2025**

**Emergency Management**

2. First and Second Reading: Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) Grant Application

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Jake Waller stated the Office of Emergency Management is requesting Commission's permission to submit the 2026 State Emergency Management Agency LEPC Hazmat Grant application on behalf of the local Boone County Emergency Planning Commission. Deputy Director Waller stated the grant money will be used to purchase three types of hazardous material monitoring equipment: two monitors for carbon dioxide, four monitors for radiation and two monitors for multiple hazardous environmental conditions. Deputy Director Waller stated the amount being requested is \$48,617.01.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) grant application.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #473-2025**

**Resource Management**

3. First Reading: Sales Tax Distribution Agreement with the Village of Hartsburg

Budget Administrator Kelle Westcott stated this item is the annual Sales Tax Distribution Agreement with the Village of Hartsburg in the amount of \$12,963.09. This is year one of the six-year cycle.

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.

4. First Reading: Approval of Stormwater Security Agreement and Erosion and Sediment Control Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Willow Creek East Plat 1

Stormwater Coordinator Nicki Rinehart read the following memo:

The purpose of this memo is to request the acceptance of the Stormwater Security Agreement and Erosion and Sediment Control Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Willow Creek East Plat 1. The Irrevocable Letter of Credit was issued by First State Community Bank in the amount of \$127,938.98. Said Irrevocable Letter of Credit was issued on behalf of D&D Investments of Columbia, LLC for construction of a 48-lot subdivision with associated infrastructure and stormwater improvements located at St. Charles Road, Columbia, MO 65201.

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.

5. Second Reading: Budget Amendment – Department 2041 and 4140 - Move 2025 Operating Budget for the Rural Gravel Road Stabilization (Paving Program) to the Capital Improvement Project Budget – First Read 09.11.25 **Open Public Hearing**

Commissioner Kendrick opened and 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 for Department 2041 and 4140 to move the 2025 Operating Budget for the Rural Gravel Road Stabilization (Paving Program) to the Capital Improvement Project Budget.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #474-2025**

### **Human Resources**

6. Second Reading: Contract for Employee Assistance with CuraLinc, LLC, otherwise known as CuraLinc Healthcare – First Read 09.18.25

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached contract for employee assistance with CuraLinc, LLC, otherwise known as CuraLinc Healthcare. 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 carried 3 to 0. **Order #475-2025**

**Auditor**

7. Second Reading: Budget Amendment - Department 4130 (Law Enforcement Training Center) – To Cover Class 7 for Owner’s Cost – First Read 09.11.25 **Open Public Hearing**

Commissioner Kendrick opened and 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 for Department 4130 (Law Enforcement Training Center) to cover Class 7 for Owner’s Cost.

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #476-2025**

**Prosecuting Attorney**

8. Second Reading: Budget Amendment Dept 2600 (Prosecuting Attorney) Cover Class 3 Costs for the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ Conference – First Read 09.11.25 **Open Public Hearing**

Commissioner Kendrick opened and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Thompson moved now on this day, the County Commission of the County of Boone does hereby approve the attached Budget Amendment for Department 2600 (Prosecuting Attorney) to cover Class 3 Costs for the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ Conference.

Commissioner Aldred seconded the motion.  
The motion carried 3 to 0. **Order #477-2025**

**Commission**

9. Public Comment  
None

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Aldred stated, last Sunday, he went to Ashland for the Southern Boone Learning Garden's Dine in the Dirt event. Commissioner Aldred stated it was a great event with a great turnout.

Commissioner Thompson stated, on Saturday, there was the unveiling of the Rocheport Bicentennial Mural at the Friends of Rocheport Museum. Commissioner Thompson stated, yesterday, Commissioner Kendrick was commended for his work on helping to get the Impact Center funding to be on par with other agencies that are doing the same work but receiving twice as much money. Commissioner Thompson stated it was great to see that kind of work on behalf of the people in Boone County, first in Commissioner Kendrick's work in the State Legislature and now as a County Commissioner.

Attest:



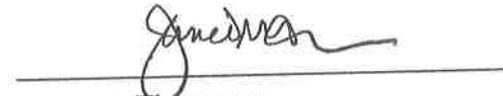
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