

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2006

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Matt Armstrong, Ted Armstrong, Christine Bredenkoetter, Bob Ford, Frank Kenney, Mary Schuman, John Schuster, Johnnie Spears and Edward Thibeault. Commissioners Absent: Greg Kloeppe and Don Wojtkowski

Commission Staff Present: Beth Hoefler, Boundary Commission Legal Counsel, Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director. Others present: Various individuals present for the public hearing following the regular meeting.

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., November 14, 2006. The meeting was held at the Eureka Fire Protection Training Facility in Pacific, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Spears made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kenney seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Mr. T. Armstrong made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Agenda. Ms. Schuman seconded. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. T. Armstrong seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no announcements and communications.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated that she had been fielding many phone calls from many constituents who had questions about the public hearings and the next steps. Ms. Dougherty stated she was looking forward to wrapping up the work on the public hearings.

Chairman Armstrong asked for the status on the computer purchase. Ms. Dougherty replied that the server has been delivered to the office and that she had received the approved purchase order on the laptop and expected it to arrive any day now.

Mr. Ford asked Ms. Dougherty if she responded to the public comments (received via e-mail) where the sender seems to be thinking that an annexation is imminent. Ms. Dougherty stated that was standard practice for her.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Armstrong motioned to remove the closed session from the agenda due to lack of an appropriate location. T. Armstrong seconded. Discussion ensued about the need for a closed session with regards to the personnel issue. Chairman Armstrong stated he did not believe it needed a closed session because he could make that report. Chairman Armstrong reported that he and the attorney, Tom Mugg, have been trading phone calls for the past nine days, therefore, the Chair had nothing to add to the report. Ms. Bredenkoetter stated that the Commission was running out of time. Mr. Ford asked why there was a time limit. Chairman Armstrong stated the Commission needed to make a decision before the end of the year. Mr. T. Armstrong asked if the Chair was going to send something out ahead of the next meeting. Chairman Armstrong stated that he would. Ms. Bredenkoetter reiterated that if the money is not spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>, it is lost. Ms. Hoefler stated that her only concern would be the time frame. She stated that there would be a time lag for the attorney to set something up and if voted on at the December meeting, may not give him enough time before December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chair agreed and stated he was aware. Chairman Armstrong stated that when he knew more of the details, he would, if necessary, call a special meeting. But he reiterated that he didn't have any new information to give at this point in time, so did not want to make a decision on it at this point. Mr. Ford stated that the Commission always had money left over so finding the money shouldn't be an issue. Ms. Bredenkoetter stated that the issue is if the money is not spent in 2006 then there would be no contribution to the pension for 2006. Mr. Ford stated he was aware that it was in the 2007 budget, but not in the 2006 budget. Ms. Bredenkoetter stated that it had been allocated in the 2006 budget as well. The Chair said he would review it and send out a communication to everyone with the details. Ms. Dougherty reminded the Chair he had an open motion to remove the closed session from the agenda on the table.

Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

Sexual Harassment, No Harassment, Grievances & Disputes draft policies were included in the monthly packet. Discussion ensued about the policies. Ms. Schuman suggested the words "perceived sexual orientation" also be added in the paragraph A as well in the No Harassment policy to keep the language consistent. Ms. Schuman motioned that "or perceived sexual orientation" be added to paragraph A following ... so it would read, "physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; or ...." Ms. Bredenkoetter seconded. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

Mr. T. Armstrong stated there was a typographical error in the Sexual Harassment policy and that the word "effect" should be changed to "affect". Mr. T. Armstrong moved that the Commission adopt all three policies as amended. Mr. Spears seconded. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. T. Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Dougherty  
Executive Director

Approved:  
December 12, 2006