

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2019

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Steve Frank, Tom Mooney (via telephone), Ann Pluemer, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle, and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Rick Dorsey, Kyra Watson

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director
Mike Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present: None

Chairperson Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., June 25, 2019. The meeting was held in 8th floor conference room of the County Government Center at 41 S. Central in Clayton, Missouri.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Frank a motion to approve the minutes of May 21 and June 3, 2019. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated the Boundary Commission is moved out of 168 N. Meramec and the contents are in a storage space. She relayed that the property manager informed her via email that the new move-in date had been pushed back to August 1st. She said it was the contractor who is running behind at the new building. In the interim, she said she's working from her home, the telephone is forwarded to her cell, the mail is forwarded to her home. She also noted that she has put an announcement on the website that the Commission is in transition to a new space and only available via email or telephone. She said she was able to get rid of equipment and furniture the Commission no longer needed before the move out. The security deposit from 168 North Meramec was also refunded.

Ms. Schweitzer commented that she hopes the Force Majeure amendment to the lease says if the Boundary Commission ceases to exist the lease is terminated as well.

Ms. Dougherty stated she'd replied to an email from the Village Trustee of Westwood asking about the vacancies.

Mr. Uchitelle asked if there had been any movement on any city submitting plans of intent. Ms. Dougherty said she had not heard from any city regarding any annexations. She said she had received a phone call from Tom Curran and Tom Irwin with questions about the Boundary Commission process and what happens if the City is part of the County. Discussion followed about the Established Unincorporated Area process and what is the necessary process for the City to no longer be a county.

Mr. Wegert asked given that the Commission asked for a July 1 occupancy date and it is now August 1 would the landlord be willing to give us another month's free rent. Discussion followed on what is necessary to finish the office build-out. Mr. Uchitelle asked Ms. Dougherty to inquire about how long after the build-out is the Clayton occupancy inspection. Ms. Dougherty stated she would relay the Commission's thoughts and sentiments to Mark Dorsey.

Mr. Wegert suggested considering the fact Ms. Dougherty is hosting the Boundary Commission office in her home and if she weren't the Commission would have to be paying rent somewhere, that an item to compensate her for hosting the office at her home be added to the July agenda. Ms. Schweitzer agreed to add to next month's meeting. Ms. Schweitzer said that any costs Ms. Dougherty incurs to host the Commission's business activities at her home might be reimbursed without needing to be added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Vacancies

Ms. Dougherty stated she'd heard from Tom Curran that it was on his agenda to work on. Mr. Hart relayed to the Commission he'd been told by the attorney for the intervenors that if the Commission thought it would be helpful to get the vacancies filled, he'd be happy to put in a good word for the Commission to the County Executive. Mr. Hart felt this might be a good time to push for the vacancies to be filled. He suggested the Commission contact the Municipal League to find out if they have any suggestions for the joint appointment seats. Ms. Schweitzer said she would be seeing Mr. Kelly in a few days and would put in a good word. She said she was told before that Steve Stenger shot down all the Municipal League suggestions because they were "former mayors." Discussion followed that there were a lot of vacancies for Boards and Commissions on the County web site.

Ms. Dougherty said she'd send another email to Tom Curran and the Municipal League to get an update on the joint appointment vacancies.

B. Closed Session

Mr. Wegert made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) regarding legal actions and causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications. Mr. Uchitelle seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Steve Frank – Y

Tom Mooney – Y
Ann Pluemer – Y
Kathleen Schweitzer – Y
Ben Uchitelle – Y
Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session started at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to end the closed session and reopen the open session. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Steve Frank – Y
Tom Mooney – Y
Ann Pluemer – Y
Kathleen Schweitzer – Y
Ben Uchitelle – Y
Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session ended. The open session restarted at 7:13 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Schweitzer requested Ms. Dougherty resurrect the revision of the RULES endeavor. Ms. Dougherty stated the revisions are close to being finished and once the revisions are done, the cities must be notified and 30 days later the changes become effective.

Mr. Hart also suggested the Commission look at the by-laws to set some parameters on the office administrative functions. Ms. Schweitzer said in her experience by-laws are reflective of an organization operates not necessarily the organization's office. It is reflective that the Commission has ultimate decision-making authority, but she advised against adding any micromanaging to the by-laws.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: July 23, 2019