

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2021

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rick Dorsey, Tom Mooney, Ann Pluemer (arrived at 5:48 pm), Tom Schneider, Kathy Schweitzer, Ben Uchitelle (left at 6:02 pm), and Steve Wegert

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Robinson

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

Others present: Jacob Trimble, St. Louis County Planning Department.

Chairman Wegert called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m., June 22, 2021. The meeting was held online via Zoom and livestreamed to YouTube with accommodations made for the public to attend as well.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2021. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Ayes, 6. Abstention, 1. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Dougherty stated she didn't have anything to add to her report in the meeting packet. Chairman Wegert asked for more clarification on the May 14th phone call from Ferguson. She replied they were inquiring about annexations and consolidations. Chairman Wegert asked if it was something relating to their map plan. Ms. Dougherty said it was. Chairman Wegert asked for the name of the subdivision they were looking at. Ms. Dougherty apologized that she couldn't remember the name but that it was included on their map plan. Mr. Uchitelle asked if it was a small subdivision. Ms. Dougherty replied that she recalled Ferguson saying it was a small area, unincorporated, and that St. Louis County was not opposed to doing a transfer of jurisdiction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jacob Trimble of the St. Louis County Planning Department stated that the Department has not been informed by Ferguson on any interest in annexation and he did not want to characterize in any way shape or form what the county's perspective may be.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Consolidations of Multiple Jurisdictions Statute & Rules/Procedure Discussion

Ms. Dougherty explained that she and Mr. Hart had had extensive conversations about the statute and the procedures regarding consolidations of multiple jurisdictions.

Mr. Hart explained he understood the commission had received a call questioning if a consolidation proposal with more than two municipalities could be submitted. Mr. Hart said the statute allows for consolidations for more than two entities. He stated the law outlines if a proposal of more than two entities is voted down by one of the entities the entire proposal fails even if the remaining entities voted in favor of it. But the statute allows those entities to come back to the Commission and ask it to approve the consolidation or annexation of just those that voted in favor of it provided the new municipality met the statutory requirements. Mr. Hart concluded that because of this language in the statute a proposal of multiple jurisdictions could be submitted to the Commission. However, the Commission does not have any rules or procedures on how that would be done.

Mr. Hart asked the Commission if they wanted to be proactive and draw up those rules/procedures in advance of receiving any such proposal or wait until one may or may not be submitted.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners. They deliberated questions such as what the advantage is to having one proposal with multiple jurisdictions versus several individual proposals. They questioned whether this was purely an academic exercise or if there was any meat to it. They imagined different scenarios with multiple jurisdictions in a proposal and one entity voting it down. They asked what would happen next, what should happen next. Chairman Wegert inquired which municipality had called the commission about multiple jurisdictions. Ms. Dougherty stated it was Ferguson and that she'd told them to have their attorneys review the statute and that she'd have the Commission do the same. Mr. Hart reiterated that the statute allows for multiple (meaning more than two) jurisdictions in one proposal and that the Commission does not have any rules or procedures in place to respond to the many different scenarios the Commissioners were discussing. Mr. Hart suggested it would be better to be proactive and create rules and procedures instead of 'winging it' whenever such proposal may be submitted. Mr. Dorsey clarified that the statute says such proposals can be submitted but how the entities do so when the Commission lacks the rules and procedures reflects the situation the Commission is in. Mr. Hart agreed.

The Commission agreed to have Mr. Hart and Ms. Dougherty draw up preliminary set of rules and procedures and have a Rules ad hoc committee review them. Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Schweitzer volunteered to serve on the Rules committee. Chairman Wegert appointed Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Schweitzer to the committee.

B. Future Boundary Commission Meetings

Ms. Dougherty asked the Commissioners how they wanted to proceed for future Commission meetings now that everyone was vaccinated. Some suggestions: 1) Remain on Zoom and livestream; 2) Return to in-person meetings in Clayton; 3) A hybrid of 1 and 2.

Mr. Dorsey suggested Ms. Dougherty poll the entire commission and report back on her findings. She stated she'd set up a Doodle poll and send it to everyone for their input.

C. Closed Session

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Dorsey – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Kathy Schweitzer – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session started at 6:20 pm

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to end the closed session. Mr. Wegert seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Rick Dorsey – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Kathy Schweitzer – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

Steve Wegert – Y

The motion passed and the closed session ended at 6:28 pm

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to accept Mr. Uchitelle's proxy. Chairman Wegert seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorsey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schweitzer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes 6, Nays, 1. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: July 27, 2021