

BOONE COUNTY

MEETING OF ALL COMMITTEES MINUTES

December 5th, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Justices present were Heath Kirkpatrick, Sam Tinsley, Glenn Redding, Jim Harp, Rodney Sullins, Fred Woehl, Mark Methvin, Bill Melbourne, Jim Milum, Ralph Guynn, and Bryan Snavelly.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

President and Chief Executive Officer of NARMC, Sammie Cribbs, took a moment to speak about the hospital board nominations. These will be brought to the full Quorum Court for approval.

Budget and Finance Committee began at 6:01 P.M. with Justices Glenn Redding (Chair), Jim Harp, Sam Tinsley, Fred Woehl, and Rodney Sullins all in attendance.

Budget and Finance Committee called to order and reviewed the ordinances before other business as some in attendance needed to leave early.

Ordinance (No. 1): An Ordinance approving and levying county, municipal, and school real estate taxes and personal property taxes for the year 2023 payable in 2024. Justice Harp made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Woehl seconding.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 2): An Appropriation Ordinance to place funds received into the correct budget line items (HPD reimbursement for 911 dispatchers and FBI overtime for Sheriff's Office). Justice Snavelly made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Guynn seconding.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 3): An Appropriation Ordinance to transfer money from the Office of Emergency Management and Coroner budgets to reimburse the Road Department for fuel purchased in the year 2023. Justice Woehl made a motion to take it to the full Quorum Court with Justice Sullins seconding.

Appropriation Ordinance (No. 4): An Appropriation Ordinance to establish the annual operating budget for calendar year 2024. Will be drafted after all information is approved.

6:06 P.M. Budget and finance committee will resume after other committees' business.

Law Enforcement Committee began at 6:06 P.M. with Justices Brian Snavely (Chair), Glenn Redding, Heath Kirkpatrick, Bill Melbourne, and Jim Harp all in attendance.

Chairperson Snavely spoke about how the Sherriff's Department purchased four Dodge Chargers and a Dodge Durango. Purchased using the Jail Tax Fund as they desperately needed the vehicles purchased now.

No other business was brought to committees.

Law Enforcement Committee dismissed at 6:08 P.M.

Personnel Committee began at 6:08 P.M. with Justices Rodney Sullins (Chair), Ralph Guynn, Mark Methvin, Bryan Snavely, and Sam Tinsley all in attendance.

Chairperson Sullins asked that the committees review and discuss pages four through nine of the new employee handbook. Some potential changes were discussed. This conversation will continue at a later date.

No other business was brought to the committee.

Personnel Committee dismissed at 6:40 P.M.

Road/Bridges/Buildings/Grounds Committee began at 6:40 P.M. with Justices Fred Woehl (Chair), Ralph Guynn, Jim Milum, and Rodney Sullins all in attendance. Heath Kirkpatrick left the meeting early.

County Judge Hathaway explained that there are no new developments with the Boone County Government Center, but he has a meeting scheduled with the architect Friday.

No other business was brought to the committee.

Road/Bridges/Buildings/Grounds Committee dismissed at 6:42 P.M.

Solid Waste Committee began at 6:42 P.M. with Justices Mark Methvin (Chair), Fred Woehl, Bill Melbourne, and Jim Milum all in attendance. Heath Kirkpatrick left the meeting early.

Chairperson Methvin said that he missed the Solid Waste District meeting on December 5th, but that County Judge Hathaway attended. Judge Hathaway said that the meeting discussed tire waste and the cost of monitor and television disposal.

No new business was brought to the committee.

The Solid Waste Committee dismissed at 6:45 P.M.

Budget and Finance Committee continued at 6:45 P.M. with Justices Glenn Redding (Chair), Jim Harp, Sam Tinsley, Fred Woehl, and Rodney Sullins all in attendance.

Chairperson Redding began the 2024 budget discussion by calling attention to the information provided by the Judge's Office which showed the total of what each department is requesting, along with figures for a \$1.00 raise for all employees and health insurance increases across the board. This showed where each dedicated fund and the county general fund would be if these changes were approved. Differential pay for departments that work nights and \$1.00 raise for the Fire Coordinator will be looked in to. The need for an additional employee for Juvenile Services and how that person would be paid was discussed. The committee went over each grant-in-aid and if the county wanted to continue to support these organizations. Such as The Humane Society who receives a grant but does not accept animals from the county. Alternate ways to help the Humane Society were mentioned such as a voluntary tax that allows people to donate.

After much discussion, Chairperson Redding said no decisions will be made during the committee meeting and each JP can take this information home and have more time to go over all the numbers before deciding on the matter. Discussion of the budget will continue at the special meeting that will be held December 7th at 5:00 P.M.

No other business was brought to the committee.

Budget and Finance Committee dismissed at 7:48 P.M.

President and Chief Executive Officer Sammi Cribbs answered questions about the financial state and future of the hospital. She explained why some urgent care clinics in the county have closed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Justice Milum with all voting Aye.

The Committee of All Committees adjourned at 8:10 P.M.