



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
9:00 AM

Joint Work Session
County Commission & City Council

Boone Electric
Cooperative
Community Building
Volt Room
1413 Rangeline St.
Columbia, MO 65201

I. CALL TO ORDER

Boone County Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

Present: 5 - Peters, Carroll, Sample, Elwood, and Hartman

Absent: 1 - Buffaloe

II. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME FROM BOONE ELECTRIC

Boone County Presiding Commissioner Kip Kendrick announced the promotion of Jesse Stephens to Executive Director of the Boone County Regional Sewer District. Kendrick expressed confidence that this appointment will enhance collaboration and improve data-sharing between the Sewer District and Boone County Government. He also extended appreciation to Boone County Electric Cooperative for hosting the meeting.

Andrew Petri, Manager of Engineering and Technical Services at Boone Electric Cooperative, provided an overview of initiatives to develop membership rate structures to increase housing affordability and give consumers greater control over utility billing. He highlighted programs such as Time-of-Use (TOU) rates and load control/energy efficiency initiatives. Petri emphasized that reducing system costs during off-peak periods results in direct benefits for the cooperative's membership as a whole.

III. TENTATIVE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

March 2026 Meeting

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes](#)

Minutes from the prior meeting were shared with the group.

Homelessness Strategic Plan

Rebecca Roesslet, Director of the Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department, reported on the completion of the program's vision statement. She noted that current priorities include developing data metrics, finalizing group structures, and identifying key stakeholders for upcoming public engagement surveys. Roesslet stated that the finalized strategic plan remains on schedule for formal presentation to the City Council by year-end. In response to questions from Kendrick regarding the program's scope, Roesslet underscored the importance of careful scope management to ensure efficient use of time and resources.

Housing Continuum Update

Alejandra Pardini, Bloomberg Fellow for the City of Columbia, presented updates about her housing continuum project, followed by a discussion regarding data ownership/collection frameworks. Presenters noted that immediate data access limits the tool to city limits for the first phase, with a long-term goal of scaling outward. Current data views aggregate at the census tract level rather than individual home levels, private sector integration. In response to inquiries from Kendrick regarding private housing development utility, Pardini noted that the data serves as an inventory to evaluate needs, but increased private sector involvement is required, accessibility features. Council Member Christina Hartman raised questions regarding system accessibility. Pardini confirmed that accessibility features are built-in, with further assessments ongoing to determine their full extent. Finally, Kendrick highlighted opportunities for deeper city-county partnerships, citing recent sidewalk updates and the benefit of a “one-stop-shop” approach to regional policy.

Cross Jurisdictional Collaboration

Meeting attendees discussed several key topics related to future housing and infrastructure planning. Clint Smith, Community Development Director for Columbia, and Stephens highlighted the importance of sewer capacity for supporting growth, noting that current infrastructure can accommodate near-term expansion and that long-term planning should be part of the Comprehensive Plan. Stephens also reported on efforts to renew the Area Wide Management Plan with the state, aiming for regional partnerships to reduce costs. Rataj introduced state-level legislative trends focused on removing barriers to housing construction, including waiving certain environmental reviews. Kendrick proposed forming a specialized task force of private-sector building professionals to address county-level regulatory reforms, with the goal of preparing an official regulatory package within four months. Carroll inquired about a related City Council motion on a building professionals task force, and Smith confirmed that coordination between city and county initiatives is under discussion.

Housing Study Recommendations Crosswalk Updates

Attachments: [Master Housing Study Crosswalk - 6.15.2026](#)

Andrew Deboro, Boone County staff, reported significant progress in mapping out land management and permitting workflows on paper, which will ultimately be transitioned into a single automated digital system. Smith reported the passage of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policy and corresponding changes to R1 zoning setbacks. A second wave of zoning reforms, focusing on small-lot integration and incorporating feedback from community groups, is currently underway. Council Member Valerie Carroll requested a review of the original housing study recommendations, specifically highlighting institutional check-ins, staffing changes, and methods for expediting the housing approval process.

Bill Rataj, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services for Columbia, noted strong survey support for dedicated funding mechanisms, such as short-term rental (STR) fees and related measures to establish a revolving local housing trust fund. Council Member Betsy Peters and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood discussed the feasibility of aligning these funds with existing land trusts. City Manager Seewood emphasized that access to both funding options increases the city's flexibility.

Gina Jenkins, Data & Performance Analyst for Boone County Community Services Department, welcomed the City of Ashland as a new regional participant and emphasized the importance of unifying terminology between Boone County and Ashland. Enola White, Upward Mobility Program Coordinator, then presented updates on targeted workforce training programs aligned with current labor demands. Following a brief question-and-answer session on the reports, Carroll requested either more frequent

meetings or longer sessions to accommodate the workload. Due to time constraints, the remaining agenda items were tabled, and Director at Boone County Community Services Department Joanne Nelson instructed committee members to submit any outstanding items via email for inclusion in the next meeting packet.

Due to time constraints, several agenda items were not discussed. A brief round of questions on the report updates was held. Carroll requested either more frequent check-ins or longer meeting times for future sessions. Nelson instructed committee members to submit any outstanding agenda items via email for inclusion in the next meeting packet.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:42 a.m.