

Proposed 2001 Budget

TERM OF COMMISSION: November Session of the November Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Boone County Government Center Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Don Stamper
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Linda Vogt
County Auditor June Pitchford
Deputy County Clerk Melanie Stapleton

The budget hearing was called to order by the Presiding Commissioner at 10:20am.

Safe Passage

Introductory Comments by the Auditor:

June Pitchford stated she had not received any information regarding this group and therefore did not have any opening comments.

Group Presentation:

Sandy Ackerman, Executive Director and Cari Goon, Volunteer Coordinator/Victim Advocate were present on behalf of Safe Passage.

Sandy Ackerman stated that they were present to request a portion of the funds available through the marriage and divorce fees legislation for domestic violence shelters.

Sandy Ackerman stated that Safe Passage has been in existence since 1996 and received its 501C3 status in 1997. She stated that the agency serves battered women and children (and men). She stated that their agency works very closely with Boone and Randolph Counties. She stated that the agency is increasingly presented with individuals from the Boone and Randolph areas that would like to stay at Safe Passage for safety and distance reasons. She stated that the Boone County Shelter is referring more and more women to Safe Passage. She stated that 20% of the women and 22% of the children at the agency are from the Boone County area.

Sandy Ackerman stated that Safe Passage is located in Moberly (Randolph County). She stated that the agency is governed by a Board of Directors which is composed of members of the community.

Sandy Ackerman stated that the lengths of stay vary. She noted that the residents are re-evaluated after 30 days. She stated that the length of stay is determined by the goal of the resident and the availability of residencies in the area. She stated that the average stay is about 5 weeks.

Sandy Ackerman stated that Safe Passage holds approximately 30 people. She noted that the occupancy load could be increased to 35 if the residents shared rooms.

Sandy Ackerman stated that Safe Passage and the Boone County Shelter work with each other in the following ways: call when a space is needed, call when an individual wants to stay at the other location for safety reasons, share trainings and ideas, and attend meetings through a shared membership in Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Sandy Ackerman stated that Safe Passage works with nine other counties. She stated that the agency does not receive funding from any of those counties.

Sandy Ackerman stated that she had not yet spoken with the other counties to see if they were aware that this funding was available.

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Commissioner Stamper stated that the County revenue projected for this funding is approximately \$28,000. He stated that Kay Murray, Treasurer is in charge of the committee (composed of elected officials) that is reviewing how those funds can be distributed.

Commissioner Stamper stated that Boone County would be the County Commission's first priority for the funds, since they were distributed to the Boone County Circuit. He stated that they would take the request under advisement.

Commissioner Stamper called for public comment on this portion of the Budget Hearing.

There was no one present that wished to give comments.

The County Commission thanked Safe Passage for coming.

City/County Health Department

Introductory Comments by the Auditor

June Pitchford stated that proposed 2001 budget is consistent with the request by the City/County Health Department.

Group Presentation

Overall-

Stephanie Browning, Director, Mary Martin, Public Health Manager, and Gerry Worley, Environmental Health Manager were present on behalf of the Health Department.

Stephanie Browning stated that the City of Columbia budget increased this year due to pay raises and other grant opportunities by 4.2%. She stated the County would fund a portion (\$4337) of a supplemental request included in the City Budget for a Health Educator. She stated that the Health Educator would be hired in January 2001. She stated that this position would help increase community outreach/education, public promotion/production, and identify new grant funding.

Animal Control-

Stephanie Browning noted that Gerry Worley requested the animal control van again this year.

Gerry Worley stated that this would take pressure off the use of the van in use at this time.

Onsite Sewage/Wastewater-

Stephanie Browning stated that the Health Department reviewed the number of services provided and found the actual cost to be about \$300. She noted that there had not been a fee change since 1992. She stated that the cost at present is \$100 (across the board). She stated that the Health Department has proposed converting to a two-tiered system: repair to an existing system-\$125, new installation-\$200.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would look into whether these fees have been adopted by the County Commission.

Nuisance Abatement-

Stephanie Browning stated that the County Commission and the Health Department discussed this issue in a work session.

June Pitchford stated that she and Gerry Worley discussed this issue. She stated that the way this the Nuisance Abatement cost was envisioned to be of neutral, bottom line impact (if the system worked correctly).

Statistics-

Stephanie Browning stated that County's portion of Nursing and Health Services from 1/1/98-12/3/98 was about 33.5%. She noted that this increased to 42% in the 1999 year. She stated that this increase could be reflected in TB shots, on call visits, immunizations in the rural, Boone County areas.

Mary Martin noted that Medicare no longer pays for certain homecare services so therefore the Health Department nurses make home visits.

Environmental Health-

Commissioner Stamper noted that the rate increase for this area would be effective 1/1/01.

Gerry Worley stated that the address of nuisance abatement would make this area more effective. He noted that the department is pleased with the changes that became effective last year.

Gerry Worley stated that environment health was able to handle three to four times as many complaints. He also noted that the notices increased. He stated that there is a large number of lots in subdivision in and out of the County that are being abated.

Gerry Worley noted that the Public Health Nuisance Ordinance is working well. He noted that the County Commission would probably hear complaints about the fee increases.

Gerry Worley stated that the County Commission might want to consider instituting a food ordinance.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the Health Department representatives for coming.

There was no public present to make inquiry of this portion of the Budget Hearing.

Show Me State Games

Introductory Comments by the Auditor

June Pitchford stated that the County Commission appropriated \$2,000 of the \$5,000 requested for the Senior Games in the 2000 year budget. She stated that the proposed 2001 Budget included the balance of that request (\$3,000).

Group Presentation

Gary Filbert, Executive Director and Ken Ash, Associate Director were present on this request.

Gary Filbert noted the end of Commissioner Vogt's term in office. He stated that Commissioner Vogt would be missed.

Commissioner Vogt thanked Mr. Filbert for his comment.

Gary Filbert highlighted a packet of information he submitted to the County Commission titled **The 16th Annual Show-Me State Games Missouri Millennium-2000 Annual Report.**

Gary Filbert stated that the extended economic impact for 2000 was \$16.89 million, while the direct economic impact for 2000 was 8.89 million. He stated that there were 26,703 Finals participants and 36,444 statewide participants. He noted that this is the first time in six years that there was a decrease in participants. He stated that this could be due to other competitions scheduled at the same time.

Commissioner Miller asked Gary Filbert to list the facilities that the Show Me State Games is most in need of for its competitions.

Gary Filbert stated that there is a tremendous need for gymnasiums to accommodate volleyball, basketball, and Tae Kwon Do

Gary Filbert stated that he would like to work with the Fair Board to host a competition during the Boone County Fair.

Gary Filbert stated that he has heard a few, traffic concerns regarding holding the Boone county Fair and Show Me State Games at the same time.

Gary Filbert also noted that the Convention and Visitors Bureau is leading a charge to bid for the National and State Games of America in 2003. He stated that there will be a hearing on the bid process on April 6, 7, 8 of 2001 at the Marriott Pavilion in St. Louis. He stated that they would like the County Commission to be represented at that hearing.

Ken Ash stated that approximately 10,000 people would be in attendance at the games. He stated that the financial impact would be approximately ¼-½ the impact of the Show Me State Games.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would be honored to help.

Gary Filbert noted that the games would be held the first ten days of August, 2003. He stated that close to \$200,000 would be committed in local funds by that time. He noted that the C & VB is in the process of hiring a fundraising firm. He stated that Governor Wilson may agree to serve as the Honorary Chair or Director of the committee.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the Show Me State Games representatives for their time.

There was no one present to inquire of this budget.

Public Administrator's Office

Introductory Comments by the Auditor

June Pitchford stated the proposed 2001 Budget included the Public Administrator's request for a part-time, non-benefited secretarial position.

Presentation

Connie Hendren, Public Administrator stated that the County should be reimbursed by the State for the position.

Commissioner Stamper stated for the record the total budget is \$125,757. He noted that the expenditures is listed at \$172,000 while the total income is \$195,000.

Connie Hendren stated that a bill passed by the Public Administrators this year that will allow second and third class counties to be on a salary schedule similar to the first class counties. She stated that this bill could be in conflict to Senate Bill 2, and would thereby reduce her salary.

The County Commission stated that they would ask John Patton, County Counsel to review this issue.

June Pitchford asked if there were legal opinions around the state as to the interpretations regarding this issue.

Connie Hendren stated that she was not aware of any.

June Pitchford stated that the proposed 2001 budget included the equalization of the Public Administrator's salary along with the other re-elected officials. She stated that the equalization would be effective January 1, 2001.

There was no public present to inquire of this portion of the hearing.

The Budget Hearing was recessed from 11:15am until 1:30pm.

Family Health Center

Introductory Comments by the Auditor

June Pitchford stated that she received the request from the FHC and discussed it with Bob Bailey and Gloria Crull. She stated that funding for the FHC in past years has been included in the Budget through the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund. She noted that the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund was not sufficient to cover the requested amount this year, therefore the FHC request was not included in the proposed 2001 Budget.

Group Presentation

Gloria Crull, Executive Director, Joe Moseley, Board member, Andy Quint, Medical Director and Larry Harris, CFO were present on behalf of the Family Health Center.

Joe Mosely stated that the mission statement of the Family Health Center covers three different areas: (1) providing comprehensive, primary healthcare to the medically underserved families (2) improve the health of the community, (3) prepare the next generation of healthcare providers for service.

Joe Mosely stated that this community has a need for this kind of facility and can support it. He noted that the Family Health Center has experienced a lot of growth. He stated that as a board member, he can understand the importance of the FHC to the community.

Gloria Crull stated that the FHC requested \$140,000. She stated that they realized this request would be difficult to grant this year, however they felt it important to appear before the County Commission to act as advocates for their patient population. She stated that most patients are working class and either have no medical benefits or insufficient medical benefits.

Gloria Crull noted that the Family Health Center procured funding in 1999 through an expansion grant for additional services. She stated that the patient population is very appreciative of the healthcare provided to their families. She stated that many of their patients have multiple health problems. She stated that if the community expect these individuals to remain employed, "then we have an obligation to assisting them in being healthy and well."

Andy Quint provided an example of a patient of the Family Health Center—a middle aged man with multiple health problems, unable to work, and whose Medicaid had been taken away.

Andy Quint noted that the Family Health Center is also able to supply prescription drug benefits to patients that otherwise would not be able to afford them. He stated that the process for this is very labor intensive, however most of these patients otherwise would not receive their prescription drugs.

Andy Quint also noted that the Family Health Center provides much more than medicine and often has to treat the whole patient. He gave an example of an uninsured woman with a mild liver enzyme problem, which the FHC was able to diagnose as a progressive liver disease. He stated that without a community health facility, this woman would not have received medical or would have needed more expensive medical care in the future.

Andy Quint noted that both of the examples were of people living in northern Boone County.

Larry Harris, stated that in 1999, the Family Health Center served 3318 of which 3062 were from Boone County. He stated that of those numbers, 919 were completely uninsured. Those 919 received 4857 clinic visits during the 1999 year. He stated that in 2000 (projecting the last two calendar months), the Family Health Center served 4200 patients. The self-pay amount for these

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patients (Boone County residents) is \$1375. He stated that the total number of visits for the year 2000 would be about 23,000.

Larry Harris stated that the \$600,000 expansion grant increased the number of people FHC serves by about 6,000. He stated that the average cost per person increased by about \$100.

Larry Harris noted that the self-pay percentage at the Family Health Center is very high at 30-32%. He stated that most community health centers nationwide are in the 10-15% range.

Larry Harris stated that the Family Health Center has \$150,000 left in reserves for this year. He noted that the annual budget, year ending 6/31/01, is \$2.9 million. He stated that the County's contribution represents about 5% of the Family Health Center's operating budget.

Larry Harris stated (in response to a question by Commissioner Stamper regarding the future of funding for community health centers) that Governor Bush stated publicly that he would advocate increased funding for community health centers.

Andy Quint also stated that most community health centers define their patients as Medicare or Medicaid recipients. He stated that it is the uninsured population that is not being addressed. He noted that evidence of local support is very vital in the grant process and to the provision of these services.

Gloria Crull stated that she is working with the Missouri Primary Care in Jefferson City. She stated that there is discussion with the Missouri Department of Social Services in regard to making community health centers a line item.

Commissioner Stamper stated that there is a pending discussion with the Health Department concerning the future. He stated that if adequate space could be provided for the Health Department and Family Health Center then this could be a capital investment that would be of benefit to both groups.

Larry Harris stated that the Family Health Center is in need of additional space. He stated that FHC currently has about 10,000 sq ft. He stated that in order to expand to 35,000 visits a year, the FHC would have to expand hours. He stated that the FHC would also need more exam rooms, two full-time physicians, and more radiology and dentistry space.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County has money set aside for a public health building. He stated that there are also other targets of where other funding could be drawn into this project. He stated that he would propose a debate (in a future work session) on the possibility of a co-location for both groups.

Gloria Crull stated that the Family Health Center has enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship with the Health Department. She stated that the Family Health Center met with the Columbia Health department and their planners to discuss that kind of arrangement. She stated that there had been no formal response from the Health Department. She stated that the Family Health Center would be supportive of a co-location, however the facility should be placed in an area of need.

Commissioner Stamper also acknowledged for the public record and those present that the County is involved in an active discussion with the Boone Hospital Trustees regarding the future of the lease and the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund. He stated that there has also been discussions about Boone Hospital taking a more active role in community health.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the Family Health Center has been very close to the hearts of the County Commission. He stated that the County Commission has respect and admiration for the facility. He noted however that the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund was not designed to last forever. He stated that the County would offer its continuing pledge to find money in other areas, however the Healthcare ProfitShare Fund would not be available in the 2001 budget.

Commissioner Stamper the Family Health Center representatives for coming.

There was no one present to comment on this portion of the budget.

Community Services Advisory Commission and Office of Community Services

Introductory Comments by the Auditor

June Pitchford stated that Phil Steinhaus provided several budget levels to the Auditor’s Office for review. She stated that the proposed 2001 Budget reflected a 2% increase.

Group Presentation

Phil Steinhaus, Manager of the Office of Community Services, Kathleen Cain, Chair of CSAC, Scott Cristal, Vice chair of CSAC, Lisa Scribner and Sarah Coats, Board members were present to discuss the above budget.

Scott Cristal thanked the County Commission for the 2% increase. He stated that the greatest percentage of funds came from the City of Columbia who increased their contribution by 2% for a total contribution of \$760,000. He stated the County’s increase reflects a total contribution of \$118,000

Phil Steinhaus noted that the County usually looks at the overall needs of Boone County residents, while the City of Columbia tries to provide the main core needs. He stated that the County also tries to provide services overlooked in the outlying areas of the County.

Commissioner Vogt asked about the evaluation process used by the CSAC.

Phil Steinhaus stated that the Community Services Advisory Commission has moved to outcome evaluation i.e. are the programs that receive funding effective. He stated that this process eliminates the management evaluation component and reduces the number of agencies evaluated. He stated that client interviews posed confidentiality problems. He noted that the mentoring programs and report card teams are being reviewed this year.

Sarah Coats noted that this is a very difficult process for the Community Services Advisory Commission. She noted that local support is very beneficial when local agencies seek federal funding.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she was pleased that the federal government is attentive to funding provided by local governments.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission would like to be able to increase the funding provided to local agencies, however that would not be possible this year.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the United Way provides \$2 million in funding to local agencies.

There was no one present to inquire on this portion of the budget.

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 2:25pm.

Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

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Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner