

TERM OF COMMISSION: March Session of the January Adjourned Term

PLACE OF MEETING: Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center
Commission Chambers

PRESENT WERE: Presiding Commissioner Keith Schnarre
District I Commissioner Karen M. Miller
District II Commissioner Skip Elkin
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Subject: Purchasing Department

Melinda Bobbitt, Purchasing Department Director, was present on behalf of these items.

A. Second Reading and Award of Bid 06-17FEB04 (Liberty Lane Project)

Melinda Bobbitt stated this is a recommendation for award to C. L. Richardson Construction Company for having the lowest and best bid meeting the minimum specifications. The total cost of the contract is \$507,395.45. The original budget was \$640,000.00.

Commissioner Miller moved to award bid 06-17FEB03 for the Liberty Lane Road Reconstruction Project to C. L. Richardson Construction Company.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 79-2004**

B. Second Reading and award of Bid 07-17FEB04 (Police Car Light Bars)

Melinda Bobbitt stated this is a recommendation for award to Ed Roehr Safety Products. The total cost of the initial purchase is \$2,840.00 and \$6,400.00 was budgeted for this year.

Commissioner Elkin moved to award bid 07-17FEB04 for Police Car Light Bars to Ed Roehr Safety Products.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 80-2004**

C. Second Reading and Approval of Budget Revision

Commissioner Elkin moved to approve the following budget revision:

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND TITLE	AMOUNT DECREASE	AMOUNT INCREASE
1118-10100: Purchasing – Salaries and Wages	\$967.00	
1118-71500: Purchasing – Building Use/Rent Charge		\$967.00

Said budget revision is to cover additional rent allocation for FY2003.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 81-2004**

D. First Reading of City Cooperative Bid 76/2003 (Welding Services)

Melinda Bobbitt stated in September 2003, Commission Order 448-2003, the cooperative contract from the City of Columbia for Welding Services with Montgomery Welding and Repair was approved. The City has recently awarded High Point Welding as the Secondary Supplier and Public Works and Purchasing recommend utilizing this contractor as a secondary supplier. The City of Columbia Cooperative Agreement id number is 76/2003. This contract runs through February 28, 2005 and has three one-year optional renewals.

This is a county-wide term and supply contract but will be used primarily by Public Works.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Recorder’s Office – Second Reading and Approval of Budget Revision

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the following budget revision:

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT AND TITLE	AMOUNT DECREASE	AMOUNT INCREASE
1123-86800: Emergency	\$4,335.00	
1160-23000: Recorder – Office Supplies	\$725.00	
1160-23001: Recorder – Printing	\$275.00	
1160-92000: Recorder – Replacement Office Equipment	\$360.00	
1160-10100: Recorder – Salaries and Wages		\$2,680.00
1160-10110: Recorder – Overtime		\$3,015.00

Said budget revision is to cover shortfall in salaries and wages for the Recorder of Deeds office.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 82-2004**

Subject: Public Works – First Reading of General Consultant Service Agreements

- Bucher, Willis, & Ratliff Corporation
- Butler, Rosenbury, and Associates
- EFK Moen, LLC
- Harrington & Cortelyou, Inc.
- The Larkin Group
- Olsson Associates
- Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc.
- Project Solutions
- RTI Consultants
- Simon Oswald Associates
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- Trabue, Hansen, and Hinshaw

Allison Anderson, Project Engineer, was present on behalf of this item.

Allison Anderson stated these are general consultant service agreements and are done on an annual basis. These firms may be used as consultants for projects the department is working on.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: First Reading of E911 Maintenance Agreement with Centurytel

June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, was present on behalf of this item.

June Pitchford stated components of the E911 systems the County pays for out of the special tax are covered under a maintenance agreement. This is the same agreement that has been approved in prior years; however the schedule that is attached detailing the equipment has been revised.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: First Reading to Authorize County Auditor to Request Funds from Boone Hospital Board of Trustees

June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, was present on behalf of this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a letter that June Pitchford will be sending to the Hospital Board of Trustees requesting \$500,000 for the Health Facilities.

June Pitchford stated it was requested to her that there be a Commission Order approving the letter to the Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Elkin stated the County is at a stage of construction where the funds are needed to pay some costs.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: First Reading of Inmate Medical Costs

June Pitchford, Boone County Auditor, was present on behalf of this item.

June Pitchford stated her office is holding pending invoices that total approximately \$177,000 in inmate medical bills. In the past, the Sheriff's office had returned bills directly to vendors; not charging those costs to the County and this policy was changed in 2003 but was not detected until March 2003. At that time, she, the Sheriff, Commissioner Schnarre and some of the Corrections staff began a series of meetings with various hospital administrators and community health professionals to try to work through some solution. The outcome of those efforts is a letter agreement with all the vendors appearing on the list.

Mrs. Pitchford read the letter for the record.

Mrs. Pitchford reviewed the funds set aside for inmate medical costs for 2004, which amount to approximately \$500,000. In addition, the Trustees have pledged funding for an additional position, approximately \$65,000. The Sheriff has requested funding from contingency for the additional 2 hours per week for the part-time position. The 2004 budget includes the costs being discussed today.

The Auditor's office did research on Medicare and Medicaid rates and how those rates would affect the bills. Of the medical bills from Boone Hospital, Medicaid would have paid 24% and Medicare 28%, an average of 26%. The County has used 26% in the two letters to the hospitals. The research the Auditor's office did on Medicare and Medicaid rates for physicians showed a 33% average rate. Those are the amounts in the proposed letters of agreement.

During the meetings, the medical professionals had informed the County they would like the County to work on a global solution, which means having the County do as much as possible on-site to screen out situations that result in unnecessary trips to emergency rooms. The Sheriff and his staff will be consulted on procedures for this.

Mrs. Pitchford stated she and John Patton, County Counselor, worked together on the letter agreement and he prefers the County to move this to a formal contract as a long range goal.

The amount of additional funding that would be needed, were the letter agreements to be approved and accepted, is reflected in the budget revision, in the amount of \$63,346. These funds will be transferred from class one line items.

Commissioner Schnarre noted there is a difference between the budget revision and another amount.

Mrs. Pitchford noted currently class eight is in the whole by \$15,000 because there were certain bills that had to be paid out of class eight.

There was discussion about the proposed percentage rates.

Commissioner Miller noted NACo is working with Congress to pass a bill to allow for inmates to keep their medical coverage until the inmates are sentenced. Currently, inmates lose coverage as soon as they are put in jail.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Commissioner Schnarre stated this is a first reading and requested the Deputy County Clerk to schedule this item for a second reading at the next available meeting with an appropriate order for approval.

Subject: Authorize Use of County Facilities – Columbia Festival of the Arts

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the use of Boone County Facilities as requested by the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs for the Columbia Festival of the Arts between 4:00 p.m. September 24, 2004 and 8:00 p.m. September 26, 2004.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 83-2004**

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Kay Murray, Boone County Treasurer, was present on behalf of this item.

Kay Murray submitted the Reconciliation of Bank Statement and Cash Investments for December 2003 to the Public Record. Ms. Murray reviewed and discussed these documents.

Subject: Authorize Closed Session 610.021(1) RSMo.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize a closed session on Thursday, March 4, 2004 immediately following the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers of the Roger B. Wilson Boone County Government Center at 801 E Walnut, Columbia, Missouri, as authorized by 610.021(1) RSMo. to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public

governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

Commissioner Elkin seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and no public comment.

The motion passed 3-0. **Order 84-2004**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Schnarre

Jail Population Statistics

Commissioner Schnarre stated gave the following Jail Population Statistics:

Date	Total Custody	# at Jail	# Out of County	# Reality House Work Release	# Reality House Placement	# Home Detention
02/05/2004	276	182	19	15	14	46
02/11/2004	273	177	14	15	22	45
02/18/2004	279	191	9	14	20	45

Commissioner Miller

NACo Legislative Conference

Commissioner Miller requested this report be held until the next meeting.

Commissioner Elkin

No reports at this time.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Attest:

Keith Schnarre
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Skip Elkin
District II Commissioner