

TERM OF COMMISSION: April Session of the February 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 Counselor John Patton
Deputy County Clerk Ashley Williams

The regular meeting of the County Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

SUBJECT: Open Bid 18-07APR98, Salt Storage Building

Commissioner Miller opened a bid from Prost Builders, Jefferson City:

Base Bid: \$1,433,000.00
Alternate 1 (poly): \$33,000.00
(pvc): \$22,000.00
Alternate 2: \$135,000.00
Alternate 3: \$10,625.00

All addendums were included with a bid bond and anti-collusion statement.

Commissioner Stamper opened a bid from J.C. Industries, Inc., Jefferson City:

Base Bid: \$1,707,000.00
Alternate 1 (poly): \$62,780.00
(pvc): \$19,700.00
Alternate 2: \$127,000.00
Alternate 3: \$9,500.00

All addendums were included with a bid bond and anti-collusion statement.

Commissioner Vogt opened a bid from Professional Contractors and Engineers, Inc., Columbia:

Base Bid: \$1,736,000.00
Alternate 1 (poly): \$33,828.00
(pvc): \$22,385.00
Alternate 2: No Bid
Alternate 3: \$10,600.00

All addendums were included with a bid bond and anti-collusion statement.

Commissioner Miller opened a bid from Kidwell Construction, Kingdom City:

Base Bid: \$1,659,300.00
Alternate 1 (poly): \$56,000.00
(pvc): \$18,000.00
Alternate 2: \$82,500.00
Alternate 3: \$10,500.00

All addendums were included with a bid bond and anti-collusion statement.

Commissioner Stamper opened a bid from Randy Adams Construction, Inc., Columbia:

Base Bid: \$1,888,000.00
Alternate 1 (poly): \$67,000.00
(pvc): \$52,000.00
Alternate 2: \$50,000.00
Alternate 3: \$2,000.00

All addendums were included with a bid bond and anti-collusion statement.

SUBJECT: Discussion of Bid 05-25FEB98, Computer Hardware and Software

Purchasing Director Beckie Jackson referred to her memo dated April 13, 1998.

Ms. Jackson explained that the Commission had directed that the 1998 computer hardware bid allow for pre-approved equals to be presented for consideration. Tangent, she said, submitted the lowest bid, all other responsive bidders submitted bids for Compaq equipment.

Information Services Director Scott Monnig said this was an uncomfortable position. In the past, he said, they have placed a value on standardization and things have been working well. Tangent approached them at the last minute and asked for pre-approved equals status. Based on their documentation, he said, the equipment met the minimum qualifications. Tangent sent them sample machines to test and they were received in a nine day time frame, versus the four to five day time frame which Tangent had promised. Right off the bat, he said, they haven't met their obligations.

Mr. Monnig said they had some trouble setting the equipment up, but once it was up and running, they found the equipment was very fast. Tangent, he said, uses standard components from a number of manufacturers and he is concerned with long term support issues. Currently, he said, the department is confident in their ability to support older equipment because Compaq guarantees parts availability. Tangent, he said, puts their machines together with parts from various manufacturers and they don't guarantee parts availability. In the future, he said, support issues might come up and where they now have to deal with one vendor, they may have to deal with several. That issue, he said, raises a question mark in their minds. Mr. Monnig said he had no history with the Tangent machines and is trying to balance the County's experience over the past four or five years and weigh that against \$20,000.

Commissioner Stamper asked everyone to think hypothetically. He said they were developing an increasing level of struggle by wanting uniformity, but sending a horrible message to vendors who meet County standards. He asked the value of uniformity, what was the risk, and why should the Commission invest at this level.

Mr. Monnig said they were trying to decide the value of uniformity themselves. The number of service calls placed on current computer equipment isn't big, he said, but he didn't know if the Tangent machines would have the same track record. Tangent, he said, deals with very large customers with 2,000-5,000 machines. He said he couldn't sit here and say he was \$20,000 unsure of Tangent.

Technology Services Supervisor Pete Jackson said his concern was with the number of units. If there are problems, he said, there would be a major problem with the system.

Commissioner Stamper said he did not want to dictate to the departments the use of inferior machines, but at this point, he said, that seems to be speculations. He said his instincts were to try these computers.

Ms. Jackson explained that the computers come with a three year maintenance agreement and the fourth and fifth years of maintenance are exercised options for the County. The last two years of maintenance would be paid three years from now.

Mr. Monnig said he was concerned about the machines from a software and user support stand point.

Commissioner Stamper asked how long the machines would be in the County's inventory.

Mr. Monnig and Mr. Jackson said that the machines are generally kept by the County for three to five years.

Commissioner Miller said she was concerned with the reference from Kansas State.

Ms. Jackson said she had tried to find references that mirrored Boone County. She said she could not even find a Missouri reference, and called two Kansas references. The references ranged, she said, from poor to those who think Tangent is the best. She said the question is on-site maintenance.

Commissioner Stamper clarified that Tangent met the terms and conditions.

Ms. Jackson said they met the components specifications of the equipment, but that no performance specifications were available.

Commissioner Stamper said the equipment has been evaluated by the County staff and if the questions were performance related then they would not be appearing before the Commission today.

Commissioner Miller cited a loss of employee time if equipment is down. She was concerned with the number of units being ordered and said she would be more willing to take a risk, although \$25,000 is a lot of money.

Mr. Monnig asked about the possibility of canceling the contract and going with a different vendor should the vendor not follow through.

Commissioner Stamper said they would have legal recourse to cancel and redirect, but it would cost a lot of money.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 15-25FEB98 for computer hardware and software to Tangent Computer in an amount not to exceed \$160,314; authorize the Purchasing department to proceed with the contracts and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign all the contracts related to the bid award.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 173-98.**

SUBJECT: Award Bid 17-25MAR98, Pre-Numbered and Labeled File Folders

Ms. Jackson referred to her memo dated April 7, 1998.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 17-25MAR98 for pre-numbered and labeled file folders to Columbia Office Supply of Columbia, Missouri as having the submitted the lowest bid meeting the minimum bid requirements; and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contract.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 174-98.**

SUBJECT: Award Bid 10-25FEB98, Leasing Vibratory Rollers and 11-25FEB98, Leasing Pneumatic Tire Compactor

Ms. Jackson referred to memo dated April 2, 1998.

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone award bid 10-25FEB98, leasing vibratory rollers- Item 4.7.1 to GW Van Keppel Company at \$3,775 per month; bid 10-25FEB98 - Item 4.7.2 to GW Van Keppel Company at \$3,975 per month and bid 11-25FEB98, leasing pneumatic tire compactor - Item 4.7 to Tri-State Construction Equipment Co. at \$3,050 per month; void Commission Orders 108 and 109-98 awarding the bids to Fabick and Company; and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the contracts.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 175-98.**

SUBJECT: Utility Relocation Agreement with Union Electric Company

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the utility relocation agreement with Union Electric Company for the Vawter School Road Project and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 176-98.**

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Members from children's agencies in Boone County approached the Commission.

Commissioner Stamper read the following proclamation in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

WHEREAS, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community;

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and to become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE the Boone County Commission does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Boone County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Done this 14th Day of April, 1998.

SUBJECT: Permits to Use Courthouse Grounds

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve an application for permit for organization use of the Boone County courthouse grounds by Eagles Nest for a 5K running road race on September 5, 1998 from 5 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 177-98.**

Commissioner Stamper moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve a Memorial Day Wreath Laying and Ceremony by the Memorial Day Weekend Salute to Veterans Corp. on Monday, May 25, 1998 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously **Order 178-98.**

SUBJECT: Community Improvement Project Cooperative Agreements

Commissioner Miller moved that the County Commission of the County of Boone approve the Boone County Community Improvement Project Cooperative Agreement with the city of Rocheport for community center improvements to be paid in one lump sum of \$13,500; approve the Boone County Community Improvement Project Cooperative Agreement with the Harrisburg Lions Club for a community pool to be paid in quarterly installments of \$46,255.50 for a total payment of \$185,022; and authorize the Presiding Commissioner to sign the agreements.

Commissioner Vogt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **Order 179-98.**

SUBJECT: Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Stamper reported that the Diamond Council wanted to discuss a lease on the ground by the jail.

Commissioner Miller reported on the Older Adults Project meeting.

Commissioner Vogt reported she had met with Planner Thad Yonke to discuss recycling.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest:

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner