

Budget Work Session

TERM OF COMMISSION: December 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 meeting was called to order at 3:00p.m. by Commissioner Stamper.

Subject: Family Health Center

Bob Bailey introduced the other people present on behalf of the Family Health Center. Accompanying him were Gloria Krawl and Dr. Andy Quinn, Medical Director.

Bob Bailey stated that they were asking for \$140,000 this year, which was the same amount that they had requested last year.

Bob Bailey explained that the reason why the budget was at 2.5 million while the total revenues were only at 1.66 million was that the 2.4 was based on what the strategic plan called for (relocation to the Vandiver facility, hiring of additional medical staff, etc.). Bob Bailey stated that the additional staff was needed to continue with present growth.

Bob Bailey stated that realized that they would not be able to have a budget that large, and therefore would need to go back and trim the budget a little more.

Bob Bailey stated that the Family Health Center had received a one-time grant of \$250,000 from the federal government. He stated that they were applying for a \$300,000 on-going grant for this upcoming year.

Bob Bailey stated that there were more people being displaced from their access to healthcare, and that these were the people that the Family Health Center provided for. He stated that they had the highest mix of any healthcare center in the country (20-25% uninsured, the remaining some sort of payment).

Gloria Krawl mentioned that they were trying to acquire either one physician or one nurse practitioner and a LPN to support that person. He stated that this would reduce the budget by about \$250,000. She stated that they were also trying to locate other local and federal grants.

Commissioner Vogt asked if anyone knew the percentage by which the uninsured population had grown.

Gloria Krawl stated that she had read that it had grown by another 10 or 11 million nationwide within the last year. She stated that the majority of the Family Health Center's population was made up of the working poor.

Bob Bailey stated that the kind of people who were being served by the food pantry and the Family Health Center were people who were trying to make ends meet (and had jobs). He stated that it was very difficult if their employers did not have health plans.

Andy Quinn stated that the uninsured was not just those with no insurance, but those that were underinsured as well (for example those on Medicare, but had no way to pay for medicine). He stated that he had seen patients who had went to the doctor, but had never been able to have their prescription filled.

Commissioner Stamper asked how long the transition to the new facility would take.

Bob Bailey stated that it would take a year.

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Commissioner Stamper stated that this past year the County Commission had a discussion with the City of Columbia (concerning the Health department) to the effect that if the County had to pay a certain amount of money, then perhaps it should look around for other ways to deliver public health. He stated that one of the things that had been discussed was an expanded arrangement with the Family Health Center.

Commissioner Stamper stated that this was not something that had been decided, however he wanted to know if the Family Health Center had ever considered an arrangement of that nature and what it would mean to that facility.

Bob Bailey stated that there had been a discussion with Dr. Brouder about moving the clinical practices to the Family Health Center since it specialized in this type of health care. He stated that this would be the best use of everyone's resources. However everyone would have to participate as a financial partner (including the city of Columbia). He stated that he hoped that at some point the city of Columbia and the County could come together to create a stable funding mechanism for the Family Health Center.

Bob Bailey stated however that it was very stressful on the employees not knowing if the facility was going to be operating from year to year. He stated that these employees were paid less and worked harder because they benefited from the experience (however this could only be pushed so far).

Bob Bailey stated that the second part of the answer was that the Family Health Center would be interested in this, but they would also have to look at what it would cost for this to occur.

Bob Bailey also stated that because there is some overlap in the services offered by the Health Department, he would not want to take on the other responsibilities that the Health Department handled (for example enforcement, hepatitis scares, etc). He stated that the Family Health Center would like to be in close proximity to the Health Department if someone did have hepatitis in order to be able to provide services. He stated that therefore if there was a discussion about developing a new City/County location, then all of those factors should be included in it.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the Family Health Center served people in the surrounding cities of Boone County and the unincorporated areas. She stated that if the FHC did serve those people, then perhaps everyone needed to be included in this discussion.

Bob Bailey stated that they did serve those people. He stated however that one of the barriers to service was transportation. He stated that the further the people were from the Family Health Center, the harder it would be for them to get to the facility for help. He stated that he knew that when they moved to the new location, there would be an increase of people in that area coming to the Family Health Center.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Parkade Center was on a bus line and that the Bear Creek area was in the city of Columbia, therefore she stated that people in this area should have been able to get to the Family Health Center when it was located at Parkade Center

Bob Bailey stated that this was true, but it was the proximity that prompted these people to come to the Family Health Center.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the \$140,000 requested for the Family Health Center had been included in the proposed Budget from the Healthcare Profitshare proceeds.

Bob Bailey stated that the Family Health Center only served half of the population that needed service because they could not accommodate anymore people. He stated that the Family Health Center was losing ground at its present growth rate.

Commissioner Miller asked if people that came to the Family Health Center that had insurance were referred to some other facility.

Gloria Krawl stated that they were.

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Andy Quinn stated that (by law) the Family Health Center was not allowed to refuse service to anyone.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the people from the Family Health Center for coming.

Subject: Show-Me State Games

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County had an on-going relationship with the Show-Me State Games in the form of a \$20,000 contribution. He stated that an additional amount was requested of \$10,000 (\$5,000 in order to help support the Senior Games and \$5,000 for Show-Me State Games). He stated that the Budget officer recommended that the County not exceed its traditional \$20,000 contribution.

Gary Filbert stated that entire budget for the Games was around \$60,000. He stated that they could do a better job with additional money.

Commissioner Stamper asked them to talk about the growth in the Show-Me State Games.

Gary Filbert stated that the Games were the largest in the nation.

Commissioner Stamper asked them to speak about the growth in the Senior Games.

Gary Filbert stated that the Senior Games started about four years ago with about 500 participants. He stated that the number went up and down because every other year was a qualifying year for the National (Senior) Games. He stated that this year (a qualifying year) the number had risen to 1300 participants.

Gary Filbert stated that they worked with 8 local games around the state (for the Senior Games). He stated that part of the request for the \$5,000 was to do a better job in coordinating that effort (with the other entities) in order to bring in participants. He also stated that the money would also be used to help with the Ms. Missouri Senior Pageant.

Gary Filbert stated they were also very pleased with the County Challenge.

Ken Ash stated that the Senior Games was developed differently than the Show-Me Games. He stated that there were a number of satellite programs that they were affiliated with and that they needed to keep in touch in with these programs in order to have the Senior Games.

Commissioner Miller asked if things had been worked out with the soccer groups that would not allow their members to come because the Show-Me State Games were not a sanctioned meet.

Ken Ash stated that they had worked those things out. He stated that there was a change in the presidents of the MO Youth Soccer Association that kind of alleviated the problem. He also stated that they had hired a soccer coordinator who was also a candidate for president of MO Youth Soccer Association. He further noted that the Soccer finals were the largest that the Show-Me State Games had.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the County Commission did not typically decide on the supplemental requests (not recommended by the Auditor) until the County knew what kind of money it had to work with.

Commissioner Stamper thanked them for their participation with the Games and all of their hard work.

Commissioner Stamper stated that the Commission had a couple of separate issues to take up.

Commissioner Stamper stated that he and June Pitchford had met to talk about the discussion with the Courten bane and the request for additional retirement funds or incentive payment. He stated that they had placed a call to Mr. Perry and today was the deadline to file an action with the Judicial Finance Review Commission. He stated that it was the intent of the Presiding Judge to

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propose to the Courten banc that they withdraw their request for the incentive funding. Commissioner Stamper stated that he did not think that it would be necessary for Boone County to proceed with the Judicial Finance Review Commission request.

Commissioner Stamper noted for the record that if the Courten bane did not support Judge Conley's recommendation, then the County would file beyond the deadline based upon the action of the last two days.

June Pitchford stated that the County was choosing not to file based on the good faith effort that had been extended. She stated that if the withdrawal did not occur, then this would be sufficient cause for a late filing.

Commissioner Stamper adjourned the meeting until the Health Adventure Club was ready to make its presentation.

Subject: Health Adventure Center

Anne Cohen stated that on May 14, 1998, she made a presentation concerning the Health Adventure Club and requested a one-time contribution of \$750,000.

Anne Cohen stated that since that time, she had completed the application to the CRESKI Foundation and had received word that they were in consideration for their March determination. She stated that they were also preparing their request for the NAVY Foundation in Tulsa, OK. She stated that they were requesting one million dollars between these two foundations.

Anne Cohen stated that they had received additional funding from individuals. She also stated that they were involving community members in the exhibit program plan. She stated that their most recent meetings for fitness exhibits involved orthopedists, exercise physiologists, and cardiologists. She introduced Dr. Leonard Plete who had been working to bring physicians in from the community to give input.

Dr. Leonard Politte stated that he thought it was a fantastic idea for the community to have an educational facility for teaching purposes. He also stated that it was a non-denominational type of facility. He stated that all aspects of the community (private and otherwise) were involved. He also stated that there had been many contributions to this venture.

Anne Cohen stated that they were drawing on support from the Association of Science Technology Centers. She stated that the ASTC supported science centers throughout the country. She stated that one thing that the ASTC believe was achieved from county and state support of science centers was that local needs were identified and addressed.

Bob Bailey stated that Anne Cohen was going to become the chair of the Health Report Card. He stated that Anne Cohen had been able to incorporate the ideas that the Health Report Card Needs Assessment had discovered, into areas of the Health Adventure Club so that people would learn about ways to lead a healthy life. He stated that this would benefit all of Boone County. He stated that the Health Report Card Steering Committee was whole-heartedly behind the Health Adventure Club as a vital step to improve the health of the community.

Anne Cohen stated that the survey was of all the state and local government support for museums. She stated that most museums receive some financial support (in-kind cash or capital). She stated that the Health Adventure Club did not anticipate needing financial support for operating costs because their business plan specified that earned income would allow them to operate the facility.

Joe Mosely stated that when you look at Missouri's statistics, it is in the bottom ten of all of the prevention strategy categories. He stated that the Health Adventure was one of the three ways to promote those strategies.

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Anne Cohen stated that she had a letter from the Special Business District (Downtown Columbia Association) concerning the Health Adventure Club. She read the letter of support from that group.

Anne Cohen stated that museums enhance education and offer cost-effective, high-impact, quality education experiences.

Bernard Ewigman of the Family and Community Medicine Department stated that he had seen the development of this process and venture over the years. He stated that he agreed with the others that had spoken as far as the value of this asset to the community.

Anne Cohen stated that the Health Adventure Club would also provide somewhere to go and something to do for the community.

Kurt Malone, Director of the Chronic Disease Prevention at the State Department, first expressed his sympathy for the loss of Mike Sanford (a distinguished servant of public health). He stated that the Health Adventure Club was a critical partner in their efforts to address specifically chronic diseases that account for 70% of all deaths. He stated that the Health Adventure Club could serve as a significant contributor to educating the population about reducing those behaviors associated with chronic diseases.

Anne Cohen stated that an important benefit of adding County dollars to this project was the leveraging of public funds to raise private funds to increase the impact of the public funds and to provide a greater return of the investment public funds. She stated that they were requesting a one-time contribution of \$750,000 (only 10% of the 6.75 million goal) to establish the Health Adventure Center.

Anne Cohen stated that the importance of the timing of the County's support was critical. She stated that they needed a strong commitment from the County to take to the foundations in St. Louis, Kansas City, and nationwide. She stated that it was also important for the ground-breaking beginning in the spring of 1999.

Commissioner Stamper stated that these kinds of decisions were not made until the end of the budget cycle. He stated that the Commission was also dealing with the issue of the Trustees and the lease. He also stated that the Commission was in a little bit of a bind until it had a more clear definition of Healthcare Profitshare and whether those revenues would be there in the future.

Commissioner Stamper clarified that the County believed that the lease was just and had worked for Boone Countians to lower their taxes and had positioned Boone County, as a community, to be able to invest in projects such as the Health Adventure Club.

Commissioner Stamper stated however that they were unable to give them an answer on this matter today. He stated that as a Commission they would pursue an answer. He stated that they did not have a timeline for this answer either due to the issues that were currently surrounding the County.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the people that had spoken in support of the Health Adventure Club and those that had worked for the project itself.

Commissioner Vogt stated that she agreed with the people who had spoken earlier as to the benefits of the Health Adventure Club. She stated that she hoped that this goal (of the Health Adventure Club) was accomplished, regardless of whether the County was able to offer any financial support or not. Commissioner Vogt thanked the people for everything that they had done and stated that the Commission would support them in the ways that it could.

Commissioner Miller also agreed with the comments of Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Vogt.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50p.m.

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Attest:

Don Stamper
Presiding Commissioner

Wendy S. Noren
Clerk of the County Commission

Karen M. Miller
District I Commissioner

Linda Vogt
District II Commissioner