

TERM OF COMMISSION: December Session of the October 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
County Auditor June Pitchford
Deputy County Clerk Shawna Victor

The budget hearing was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

Budget Hearing: Department 1510 (Economic Support – Regional Economic Development Inc., REDI)

Bernie Andrews, REDI President, and David Meyer, REDI Marketing Director, were present on behalf of this budget hearing.

Bernie Andrews stated REDI was established in 1998 as a public/private partnership. The members at that time were the City of Columbia, Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Boone County. The University of Missouri became a partner in 1991. These four entities are Class A investors.

Boone County's funding for REDI has been \$35,000 since 1995.

REDI also consists of Class B investors, which are entities and agencies that invest \$1,000 per year. There are approximately 95 Class B investors.

REDI is governed by a 12 member board. The current chair is Vicki Dunscombe and Current Vice-Chair is Roger Clark.

REDI also serves as the City of Columbia's Economic Development Office. The City has funded \$329,992 for FY2005. This is salary and benefits for four and a half staff. \$6,600 is for training. \$15,000 for computer and technical support. \$30,000 is for intergovernmental transfer. Of this \$30,000, \$10,000 goes to the Chamber of Commerce for the retirement recruitment program and \$20,000 goes to REDI Operations.

REDI Operations receives funding from the City of Columbia (\$20,000), Boone County (\$35,000), and the University of Missouri (\$15,000). This has been level funding since 1995. REDI projects private investors' contributions for FY2005 to be \$119,000. Also, REDI is projecting to receive \$6,000 from interest and miscellaneous funding. The total available resources for REDI are \$433,324.

Mr. Andrews stated the FY2005 priorities for REDI are as follows:

- Continue to recruit quality business providing good paying employment opportunities compatible with community values
- Expand and enhance efforts to retain major private employers
- Continue support of work force development
- Continue hosting the Life Science Business Coalition and continue efforts to develop a Life Science Incubator and Technology Park
- Continue to upgrade website and marketing materials

The FY2004 accomplishments for REDI are as follows:

- Assisted with retention and expansion of efforts of State Farm Companies
- Incentives White Paper completed and presented to the Columbia City Council, Boone County Government and Columbia Public School District
- Updated the 2003 Labor Availability Analysis
- Provided seed funding for a Microloan Program for central-City area
- Hosted the Life Sciences Business Coalition and continued efforts to develop a Technology Incubator and Technology Park
- Completed Investor Recruitment Campaign
- Received two MEDC Marketing Awards for REDI activities
- Continued co-hosting Manufacturer's Committee to address existing issues
- Contributed funds to the Housing Market Analysis for the Columbia area

Other REDI activities are as follows:

- In December 2004, REDI contracted with a Foreign Trade Zone Consultant to determine feasibility of a Boone County Foreign Trade zone
- Co-sponsored first Economic Outlook Conference in December 2004
- Administered State of Missouri Community Development Block Grants on two projects in prior years
- Participated in the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission's Economic Development Advisory Commission
- Continue regular visits to Centralia, Ashland and Hallsville
- Attended the International Council of Shopping Center events in St. Louis and Kansas City to promote retail opportunities in Boone County and smaller communities

The Commission, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Meyer discussed REDI's goals, accomplishments and other activities.

Mr. Andrews stated REDI's request for FY2005 is the same funding, \$35,000.

Commissioner Schnarre asked how the \$35,000 came about. Mrs. Pitchford stated she

can go back and identify the year of increase and reason for increase.

Mr. Andrews stated he believes the increase happened around the time REDI expanded to four positions. The additional funding was justified for the additional staff.

Mr. Meyer discussed the White Paper program with the Commission.

There was no further discussion on this budget.

The budget hearings recessed at 10:57 a.m.

The budget hearings reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Michael Mallicoat, Information Technology Department was present on behalf of the following budget hearings.

Budget Hearing: Department 1170 (Information Technology)

Michael Mallicoat stated the major on-going projects for the Information Technology Department are fiber optic infrastructure and financial management software.

The new projects are as follows:

- Imaging System Conversion to RVI on the AS/400
- Storage Area Network (SAN)
- Hardware Replacements
- Hardware Additions
- Security
- HTE Training

Projected expenditures for class 2 are \$72,805, which reflects a 4% decrease from the FY2004 budget.

Projected expenditures for class 3 are \$45,648, which reflects a 14% increase. This increase is due to additional funding for an educational conference and the related expenses.

Projected expenditure for the telephone line item (48000) is \$14,871, which reflects a 45% decrease. This decrease is due to cost sharing of fiber with other funds.

Projected expenditure for the local mileage item (59200) is \$1,135, which reflects a 127% increase. This increase is due to additional trips made by the new Helpdesk Technician to remote locations.

Projected expenditures for class 6 are \$60,694, which reflects a 14% increase.

Projected expenditures for class 7 are \$148,682, which reflects a 23% increase. This increase is mainly due to an increase in the Professional Services line item and an increase in the Equipment Leases and Meter Charges line item.

Projected expenditures for class 9 are \$162,358, which reflects a 15% decrease.

Projected 2005 classes 2-8 expenditures are projected to be \$343,835, which reflects a 4% decrease from the 2004 budget.

The total proposed expenditures for 2005 for this budget are \$506,193, which reflects an 8% decrease from the 2004 budget.

Budget Hearing: Department 1176 (GIS Division)

Mr. Mallicoat stated the major new project for the GIS Division for FY2005 is the Storage Area Network (SAN)

Projected expenditures for class 2 are \$72,805, which reflects a 4% decrease from the FY2004 budget.

Projected expenditures for class 3 are \$5,650, which reflects a 9% increase. This increase is due to additional funding for an educational conference and the related expenses.

Projected expenditure for the telephone line item (48000) is \$632, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditure for the local mileage item (59200) is \$50, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditures for class 6 are \$100, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditures for class 7 are \$19,081, which reflects a 2% increase.

Projected 2005 classes 2-8 expenditures are projected to be \$28,038, which reflects a 3% decrease from the 2004 budget.

The total proposed expenditures for 2005 for this budget are \$131,463, which reflects a 5% increase from the 2004 budget.

Budget Hearing: Department 1194 (Mail Services)

Mr. Mallicoat stated the projected expenditures for class 2 are \$240,580, which reflects a

4% decrease from the FY2004 budget.

Projected expenditures for class 3 are \$750, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditure for class 4 is \$350, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditure for class 5 is \$2,700, which reflects level funding.

Projected expenditures for class 7 are \$68,595, which reflects a 2% increase. This increase is mainly due to an increase in the PER/SORT and PER/ZIP software and an increase in building use/rent charge.

Projected 2005 classes 2-8 expenditures are projected to be \$312,975, which reflects a 2% decrease from the 2004 budget.

The total proposed expenditures for 2005 for this budget are \$372,806, which reflects a 1% decrease from the 2004 budget.

Budget Hearing: Department 2905 (Law Enforcement and Judicial Information System)

Mr. Mallicoat stated the goals and objectives for this department for 2005 are to implement a new information sharing system.

The projected expenditures for the telephone line item (48000) are \$28,176, which reflects level funding from 2004.

Projected expenditures for the equipment service line item (60050) are \$525, which reflects a 29% decrease.

Mr. Mallicoat noted there is \$161,000 in contingency for the HTE Multi-facility software and PA Crimes Management software.

There was no further discussion on these budgets.

The budget hearings adjourned at 11:45 a.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