

BCC Actions

Notes from Your Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Hearings & Staff Briefings

Tuesday, December 9 & 16, 2008

Business Meeting

Appointments to Jefferson County Boards

The BCC appointed Cynthia Miller as a regular member on the Jefferson County Cultural Council, with a term to expire December 31, 2011, or until reappointed or replaced.

The BCC approves the appointments of Ryan Stuart as a regular member and Anne Zubrinic as an alternate member on the Jefferson County Juvenile Review Board, to serve until their reappointment or replacement by the Board of County Commissioners.

Barbara Weinstein was appointed as the representative from the Human Services Department on the Jefferson County Corrections Board, to serve until her reappointment or replacement by the Board of County Commissioners.

Web Streaming Services Contract with Granicus Inc.

The BCC approved the contract for \$70,184 with Granicus, Inc. to provide Web streaming services for Jefferson County. Providing Web streaming via the Internet, Jefferson County will be able to better serve citizens and make it easier for them to become engaged in county business.

With video-on-demand, citizens will be able to watch county commissioner meetings at any time, any where in the world they have an Internet connection. Meetings made available through Web streaming will be searchable, contain agendas and supporting meeting materials.

Granicus, Inc. was selected based on their specialized experience with government clients, service history and recommendations from several Jefferson County

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2009 Proposed Budget Presentation for Jefferson County

The Board of County Commissioners voted to adopt the proposed 2009 annual budget after a short presentation by Jefferson County Budget Director Jon Johnson describing some of the amendments made after the initial presentation at the Board's Hearing on November 25, 2008. This adopted budget will allow the county to continue to provide critical services to citizens despite the current economic slowdown.

Among the changes was the decision not to spend \$14.4 million for election equipment as requested earlier by the Clerk & Recorder. Because there is still some uncertainty as to what will be required, it was decided to wait until

further guidance was received from the Secretary of State's Office before any appropriation was made since there is a chance that the amount needed could be substantially less.

Other changes include:

- \$5 million was included in the Adopted Budget to remodel courtrooms for new State-appointed District and County Court judges. This will help postpone the need for expanding the Administration & Courts Building for additional judges.
- The Sheriff's Office asked for, and received a 2% retirement increase for sworn personnel, totaling approximately \$740,000, with the Sheriff's Office funding half of the request from their current operating budget.
- The Coroner's office is adding two full-time investigators to ease the increase in caseloads experienced in this 24/7 operation.
- With the establishment of the new drug

court, the adopted budget allows for a full-time drug court administrator and a half-time prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office.

- The adopted budget reflects the inclusion of \$276,000 to fund technology needs as part of the County's Transparency initiative.



The County's 2009 Adopted Budget totals \$387 million, excluding interfund transfers. This is a 1.2 percent (or \$4.6 million) increase over the 2008 fiscal year and includes \$43.1 million in capital improvement projects for the county. Johnson emphasized that the 2009 Adopted Budget

maintains fund balance reserves at 10 percent for all operating funds, which ensures that the county can continue to provide services in the event of unforeseen emergencies or unexpected revenue shortfalls.

It is estimated that total projected revenues for 2009 will increase by 2.5 percent when compared with 2008. Jefferson County property tax revenue is expected to increase by only 1 percent, due primarily to a slowdown in new construction and because 2009 is a non-reassessment year. The Highway User Tax is expected to be flat for 2009, while a decrease of 5.3 percent is projected in fees for services such as building permits, building inspections, recording fees and traffic impact fees, mainly due to the decline in the construction and housing market. Johnson said the Auto Ownership Tax is also projected to decrease by approximately 5 percent from 2008, due to a decrease in new car sales.

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cities. The contract extends through December 31, 2009, with options to renew for four additional one-year periods.

Transitional Housing Services for Families in Need

The BCC approved the \$435,000 contract with Stride to provide transitional housing services to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) eligible families who are residents of Jefferson County. The cost of housing, or lack of suitable housing, is often one of the principal factors in the success of low-income families receiving cash assistance. Funds for this project will come from TANF funds included in the 2008 budget.

Salary Setting for the District Attorney

The BCC set the compensation of the Jefferson County District Attorney, Scott Storey, for the new four-year term of office beginning January 13, 2009 at \$162,000 for 2009; \$170,102 beginning January 1, 2010; \$178,605 beginning January 1, 2011; and \$187,535 beginning January 1, 2012. The statute states a minimum level of compensation and provides that any amount paid in excess shall be set and paid by the BCC. Storey was re-elected in November as the District Attorney of the First Judicial District, which covers both Jefferson and Gilpin Counties.

Contract for Methamphetamine Intervention

The BCC approved the \$303,973 contract between Jefferson County, The United States Department of Justice, and Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to address the ongoing problem of methamphetamine in Jefferson County. Specifically, this funding will support collaboration between the District Attorney's Office, which will receive support for a two-year, grant-funded, criminal investigator; West Metro Drug Task Force, which will receive funding for overtime and to contract a linguist for specific wire investigations; and Community Development, which will receive funds to produce informational materials to provide to residents in neighborhoods where marked increase of clandestine labs is being experienced. This funding helps law enforcement with more flexibility to remain ahead, or at least on par, with these changes.

Transportation Services for Seniors

The BCC approved the \$450,000 contract, in state funds, between Jefferson County and Seniors' Resource Center, Inc., for the provision of transportation services to

seniors in Jefferson County. This transportation is vital for social, recreational and medical purposes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Partnership

The BCC approved the agreement, in the amount of \$120,000 of federal funds, between Jefferson County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc. (BBBS), with the goal of addressing student absenteeism and school performance. BBBS will work with 100 Jefferson County TANF-eligible children and families and will serve this group through their three core programs: Community Based Mentoring, Site Based Mentoring and Activity Based Mentoring.

BBBS is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. They have been the leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people.

Equipment for Jeffco Network Upgrade

The BCC approved the ordering of network equipment in the amount of \$1,213,145 to replace existing network equipment that is either nearing the end of useful life or has become obsolete.

Acquiring this equipment will further enable Jefferson County Information Technology Services to upgrade its equipment in a manner consistent with the county's policy requirements and will resolve existing high-risk network security and vulnerability issues. The Cisco Systems equipment, including extended maintenance, will enable the county to upgrade the County's network system.

Jefferson County Open Space Master Plan Update

The BCC approved the recommendation of the Open Space Advisory Committee to adopt the Jefferson County Open Space Master Plan Update, which revised the mission statement, goals and objectives of the Open Space Division.

The Open Space Master Plan is revised every five years and this edition is an update to the 2003 version. The purpose of this Master Plan is to set goals and objectives needed to ensure the continued success of the Open Space Program.

The mission of Jeffco Open Space is to preserve open space lands and natural and cultural resources, and to provide for quality park and recreational experiences.

BCC Hearings

The BCC holds public hearings to set policies and make decisions regarding land use, transportation, open space purchases, social service concerns, community development, law enforcement, libraries, public health and other vital issues concerning our county.

Regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioner meetings convene at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays in Hearing Room One of the Administration & Courts Facility at 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

The County Administrator's office publishes the regular meeting schedule and a copy is posted by close of business on Fridays on the county's Web site at www.jeffco.us and on the meeting board located in the enclosed cabinet outside Hearing Room One.

Minutes to all hearings are available online at www.jeffco.us in either written document or audio file format. Minutes include a recording of all motions, a listing of witnesses and consent agenda items. You may obtain a full account of the hearing from the Clerk to the Board at 303.271.8166.

Contact the Commissioners

The commissioners welcome thoughts and comments from Jefferson County residents. It is recommended that your comments be made in writing in order to be formally noted for the record if it is outside of public hearings.

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