

BCC Actions

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

Tuesday, June 24 & July 1, 2008

Additional 2008 Community Services Block Grant

The BCC authorized additional federal dollars received by the county as part of its yearly Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Award.

The additional dollars will go to Family Tree, Inc. to support the residential supervisor position at the Women in Crisis shelter. In 2008, an additional \$12,342 was received by the county from the Federal Community Services Block Grant, administered by the State Department of Local Affairs, resulting in \$9,874 available in project funding which can be appropriated toward a domestic violence shelter.

Family Tree operates the only domestic violence shelter in Jefferson County and did not receive any CSBG allocated funding in 2008. The organization faces constant funding challenges related to general operation.

Business Meeting

Treasurer Authorized to Invest County Funds

The BCC authorized the county Treasurer, Faye Griffin, to invest and reinvest all or part of the county funds which are available for investment:

- in securities meeting the investment requirements established in state statute.
- in bonds with effective durations not greater than three years at the time of purchase, but which have maturities that extend out greater than five years but not greater than ten years from the date of settlement.
- in qualified securities lending agreements, as defined by state statute.

The BCC also requested that the Treasurer report to the BCC in May and December of each year as to the type and nature of the investments made.

Amended Contract for RMMA Ramp

The BCC approved a contract increase between Jefferson County and SEMA Construction, resulting in a total contract of \$2,572,616, for the NE Ramp AIP project at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (RMMA). Due to an unexpected higher cost associated with quantities of bituminous course material the contract was amended by 23 percent. This increase is eligible for FAA reim-

bursement of 95 percent. "That equates to about \$3,500 in county funds," RMMA manager Kenneth Maenpa said.

Amended Contract with Jefferson Center for Mental Health

The BCC approved the core contract amendment between Jefferson County and Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) with a maximum amount of \$160,000. JCMH has been a provider of mental health services for the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) division for many years. Due to the increasing number of clients/families entering the child welfare system with mental health treatment needs, CYF requires further spending authority with JCMH.

The BCC had previously approved spending authority with JCMH for 2007-2008 and that agreement is performance-based, with JCMH being held accountable for the management of services provided as well as the cost of said services.

Hearing Officers Appointed to Board of Equalization

The BCC authorized the appointments of Fred B. Adam and Karen A. Smith to act as hearing officers on the Board of Equalization. Pursuant to state statute, the Jefferson County Board of Equalization has the authority to appoint hearing officers to conduct hearings

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Jeffco Employee Food Drive

The BCC issued a proclamation supporting the 14th Annual Jefferson County Employee Food Drive, sponsored by the Department of Health and Environment and the Department of Human Services. It ran from June 10 - June 17, 2008. This drive is crucial because donations and food stocks are typically lowest during the summer months. Donations from this food drive are given to the Jeffco Action Center, Arvada Food Bank and Evergreen Christian Outreach Center.

Business Meeting, cont.

regarding property tax abatement appeals on its behalf. In order to give timely consideration to appeals filed with the Board, the Board desires to appoint independent hearing officers to conduct those hearings and to make findings and recommendations to the Board for its final action on the appeals.

Referees Appointed to Board of Equalization

The BCC authorized the appointments of Fred B. Adam, Thomas V. Adams, Donald Boyson, Richard B. Chase, Donald L. Clifton, Peter N. Ehrlich, Harry J. Fuller, John C. Ohrenschall, Linda A. Pissare, Karen A. Smith, Jolene Ver Steeg and Ford H. Wheatley, IV to act as referees on the Board of Equalization. Pursuant to state statute, the Jefferson County Board of Equalization has the authority to appoint referees to conduct property valuation and qualifying senior/disabled veteran property tax exemption hearings on its be-

half. In order to give timely consideration to appeals filed with the Board, the Board desires to appoint independent referees to conduct those hearings and to make findings and recommendations to the Board for its final action on the appeals.

Designation of Arbitrators

The BCC designated Donald Byson, Richard B. Chase, William M. James, Michael R. Nash, Bonnie D. Roerig and Richard D. Williams to serve as arbitrators of property valuation disputes with Jefferson County. Colorado state law establishes a property valuation arbitration appeals process whereby the Board of County Commissioners is to develop a list of persons who are qualified to act as arbitrators of property valuation disputes.

The persons designated shall be, in addition to any other qualifications deemed necessary by the BCC, certified appraisers experienced in the area of property tax-

ation and valuation, and be either a licensed attorney, a member of a real estate appraiser's institution, a former county assessor, a retired judge or a licensed real estate broker.

Contract with Qwest for Digital Telephone Switching Services

The BCC approved the \$589,365, five-year contract between Jefferson County and Qwest Corporation to provide digital inbound and outbound dial tone service for all county telephone switches.

The previous contract has expired and a new contract is required. The county saves money by entering into a long-term contract rather than paying for switching services on a monthly basis. Qwest, formerly US West, has been the provider of two-way switching services for all county telephones since October 1997.

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