

October 21, 2003

The special scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 21st day of October, 2003, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Leroy Krohmer. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Leroy Krohmer, Chairman
Denise Heavner, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Saundra DeSelms, Member
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
George Skinner, Member

Others present were: Roy Bugher, Tom Brackett, Donna Roberts, Pam Strawn, Paula Roberts, Tammy Howard, Tom Blakey, Mike McDanel, and Artie Hudson.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, Rhonda Hall moved that the minutes be approved. Saundra DeSelms seconded the motion.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action upon request of the Sheriff for more funding in Courthouse Security.

Sheriff Beggs asked Undersheriff Roy Bugher to explain how security is going to be affected with the changes in the building here and at the Couch Center.

Mr. Bugher stated that during construction Judge Hetherington has told the Sheriff's Office that there will be a Judge at the Couch Center full time. Right now only when court is being held up there is someone there. So an additional person will have to be up there all of the time. That would increase personnel by one. Also the Sheriff's Office has received a grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 to purchase equipment for this building and the Couch Center and now that this building is being shut down the equipment is not going to be put into effect like the Sheriff's Office originally wanted. A change is going to have to be made as to where the equipment is going to be located. The money is for one x-ray machine, which is a permanent machine (it has to be put up and left) and one portable machine, which can be moved around. There are no metal detectors, as money was not received for them. The Sheriff's Office needs the Board to tell him where they want this equipment to be.

Mr. Bugher stated that they had to advise the grant people about the change by the 31st of this month and how they want to utilize the equipment.

The equipment has to be purchased and implemented by the end of December. It could not be purchased and held until the construction is completed.

Sheriff Beggs reiterated what the Undersheriff had said. His thought was that if the permanent one was used it could be taken out to the Couch Center but he thinks a magnetometer is also needed. Another opinion is to contact the grant people and try to change the equipment, but the Sheriff does not think he will be successful with that. The other opinion is to turn the machines down but he thinks if it is turned down he will not get the grant again.

Denise Heavner and others asked if the machine could be put in the other building and they were told it would not fit until the remodeling is completed and once in it can't be moved without a change of plan.

Undersheriff Bugher stated that this was a Homeland Security Grant.

(Member Bill Graves exited the meeting at this time.)

Sheriff Beggs stated that another thing that needed to be taken into consideration is that over the next three to four years it is going to require more manpower for all of the different post and still roam through the building, so he thinks it would be wise to slowly add more. More discussion took place as to where the machines could be located and the manpower needed. Chairman Krohmer stated that the Sheriff's Office recommends putting the permanent one at the Couch Center and the portable one here and Mr. Bugher stated that at this point put the portable one here and Chairman Krohmer added the main one at the Couch Center and Mr. Bugher agreed.

Mr. Bugher explained what other equipment was needed and stated that they were turned down for additional equipment.

Saundra DeSelms asked Dorinda Harvey, the County Clerk, how much money was left in Courthouse Security last year and Ms. Harvey replied around \$54,000.00.

Mr. Bugher and the Sheriff explained to the Board why the Sheriff's Office did not use all of the money they were given last year.

Denise Heavner and Saundra DeSelms questioned whether or not the funds could be transferred from Capital Improvement to Courthouse Security for the additional person and....

Chairman Krohmer stated that what needs to be done today is suggest or take the Sheriff's recommendation on where the equipment needs to go and the Sheriff added that he just needs some guidance.

Denise Heavner stated that the Sheriff was also asking to find out about whether to implement the metal detectors and a deputy with additional funds and Ms. DeSelms added two deputies. Ms. Heavner stated she thought the metal detectors would be pretty important. Mr. Bugher stated that right now the Sheriff's Office could get by in this building. The Sheriff's Office could do what they are doing now which is waning the people, but once you implement a machine permanently you have to have the metal detector with it. So right now they need one and two people.

Mr. Bugher stated that the metal detector is \$4800.00 and two deputies \$35,000.00 each per year.

Denise Heavner stated basically \$75,000.00.

Rhonda Hall expressed her concern about what cases the Judge that will be appointed at the Couch Center would have.

Ms. Heavner and Ms. DeSelms again expressed concerns about the transfer.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated that the Auditors were across the hall and she would go and ask Artie Hudson to come into the meeting. Ms. Harvey advised the Board that Mr. Hudson had stepped out of the building and would come in as soon as he gets back.

Chairman Krohmer then went to item #2 on the agenda, discussion, consideration, and/or action on funding the Cleveland County Free Fair an additional \$80,000.00 to complete Alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9 of County Bid #FB-1206. This is with the stipulation that for fiscal year 2004-2005 this amount will be deducted from the Free Fair Budget.

George Skinner moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to approved.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on leasing 2400 square feet of space from the Cleveland County Fair Board/ Free Fair Building Fund to be determined at a later date (excluding kitchen facilities) at a rate of \$21,000.00 per year.

Chairman Krohmer stated that this includes the restrooms. He has been talking to the Fair Board and told them it would probably be for two years and that it would alleviate a lot of problems with space at the county health department. They think they are going to be short of space and probably the Commissioners, maybe the Purchasing Department, the Safety Director, and the meeting room would be in this new facility. Chairman Krohmer stated he was promised that they would try to have it ready by December 1st.

Sandra DeSelms moved, seconded by Denise Heavner, to approve.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.

Mike McDanel, Assistant District Attorney, will draw up the lease with the Fair Board.

Denise Heavner asked about the bid for the building and Chairman Krohmer stated that the architects wanted to be on the Commissioners Agenda for Monday to go out for bids.

Sandra DeSelms asked about the Cell Phone (customers using them) in the offices and Chairman Krohmer's suggestion would be that each office do there own thing. Suggestions were made to Mr. McDanel as to what would be needed.

Artie Hudson with the State Auditor's Office address the Board about Ms. Heavner and Ms. DeSelms concerns about the transfer from the Capital Improvement to the Courthouse Security and he stated that as far as he knows that if it is all ad valorem within the General Fund, the revenue going into those accounts, it can be transferred. Mr. Hudson stated that they do not recommend a transfer from special revenue funds because that money is earmarked, but if it is just ad valorem collections, that money is not earmarked for anything so it can go within the general fund.

Denise Heavner moved, seconded by Sandra DeSelms, to transfer from Capital Improvement \$75,000.00, to Courthouse Security.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dorinda Harvey moved that the meeting be approved. Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.