

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control
County Administration Building, 4th Floor
April 22, 2013 11:00 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 A.M.

Attendees: County Executive Edward FitzGerald
Councilman Michael Gallagher
Fiscal Officer Wade Steen
Councilman Dave Greenspan
Councilman Pernel Jones Jr.
Director Bonnie Teeuwen
Director Lenora Lockett
Board of Control Clerk David Merriman

Review and Approve Minutes – Ed FitzGerald made a motion to approve, Wade Steen seconded, the minutes were approved as written. Councilman Dave Greenspan abstained.

- 4. Scheduled Items for Review

BC2013-105

Department of Public Works, requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation for purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) in the estimated amount of \$128,000.00 for the 2013 - 2014 winter season, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01(B).

Funding Source: Road and Bridge Funds

Ed FitzGerald made a motion to approve, Pernel Jones Jr. seconded, the item was approved.

Approve
 Disapprove
 Hold

BC2013-106

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on RQ25441 and enter into a contract with DLZ Ohio, Inc. the amount of \$200,000.00 for general engineering services for the period 4/22/2013 - 4/21/2016. (Deputy Chief Approval No. DC2012-252 - authority to seek qualifications).

Funding Source: 100% County Sanitary Funds

Ed FitzGerald made a motion to approve, Pernel Jones Jr. seconded, the item was approved.

Approve
 Disapprove
 Hold

BC2013-107

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on RQ26535 and enter into a revenue generating agreement valued in the amount of \$148,500.00 with Securus Technologies, Inc. for the Juvenile Justice Center inmate telephone system for the period 6/1/2013 - 5/31/2018. (Deputy Chief Approval No. DC2013-33 - authority to seek proposals).

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Note: This item was held at the request of the Department.

Approve
 Disapprove
 Hold

BC2013-108

County Sheriff, submitting an amendment to Contract No. CE1100309-01 with Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences for the design, compilation and analysis of data for Project RESTORE (Reentry Strategies Toward Reintegration) in connection with the FY2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative for the period 1/1/2011 - 9/30/2012 to extend the time period to 9/30/2013 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$41,580.53.

Funding Source: 100% Project RESTORE Grant funds

Ed FitzGerald made a motion to approve, Bonnie Teeuwen seconded, the item was approved.

Approve
 Disapprove
 Hold

BC2013-109

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services/Public Safety Grants, submitting an agreement with City of Cleveland (Law Department) in the amount not-to-exceed \$115,397.29 for the Domestic Violence Project for the FY2012 STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant Program for the period 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013.

Funding Source: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Violence Against Women through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services.

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5. Other Business

BC2013-111

County Sheriff, requesting approval of an alternative procurement process and exemption from aggregation which will result in an award recommendation to Cleveland Communications Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00 for build out of 14 new Sheriff Deputy Vehicles fleet vehicles. (Board of Control Ordinance No.02011-0044 Section 4.4 (b)(16) and (Ordinance No.02011-0044 Section 3.5(b)).

Funding Source: 100% by the General Fund

1. Description of Supplies or Services (If contract amendment, please identify contract time period and/or scope change)

Build-out of new Fleet Vehicles for Sheriff's Deputies to include specific manufactured equipment including Harris Unity Mobile Radios and Panasonic video kit and rear cameras. These 14 build-outs will be completed by 04/01/2014; the Sheriff's Office is at the mercy of Public Works to purchase and receive the replacement vehicles prior to being able to build-out with the necessary equipment.

2. Estimated Dollar Value and Funding Source(s) including percentage breakdown (If amendment, please enter original contracted amount and additional amount, if any)

not-to-exceed \$400,000.00; 100% General Fund
(BC2013-81 approved regarding the same specifications and vendor; amended to include all fleet vehicles for build-out for 1 year)

3. Rationale Supporting the Use of the Selected Procurement Method
(include state contract # or GSA contract # and expiration date)

Harris Unity Mobile Radio

The Sheriff's vehicle fleet currently consists of 74 Harris Mobile Radio's after completing a 1.4 Million dollar communications project to transfer the Sheriff's from analog Motorola and ICOM radios to the Harris digital platform while merging with the City of Cleveland's Public Safety Network.

The Harris mobile has no equal in the market today. The ability to communicate on a VHF, UHF, 700MhZ, and 800MhZ spectrum in one radio was why it was selected by the County.

The recently completed communications project ended years of multiple brand radios in the fleet.

Each operated differently, none had interchangeable parts between manufacturers, and each had different capabilities. Radio communication wasn't consistent from vehicle to vehicle creating a tactical disadvantage to the officer whose only lifeline in an emergency is the radio.

All Deputy Sheriffs, Protective Service Officers, Court Security Officers and dispatchers have been trained with, and have experience with the Harris Unity Product, over 360 employees. A different manufacturer would create opportunities for fatal mistakes as well as additional costs in training and maintenance.

By requesting a proposal for the Harris Unity product we are not limiting the request to one vendor, just one product. Harris vendors will still have an opportunity to compete for the business.

Panasonic Video Camera's

Panasonic video "dash" and "rear view" cameras are already utilized in the Sheriff's vehicle fleet. Officers have been trained on their operation, and the ISC is providing the technical support for electronic video storage.

Manufacturer suggested maintenance, cleaning, and calibration must be followed. Not doing so could result in video evidence not being permissible in a court of law, and could result in the loss of criminal prosecution, while exposing the County to civil liability. By having different manufacturers, the Sheriff's Department would have to track and follow the separate recommendations thus utilizing additional man hours for support.

Not having the same equipment in every vehicle creates a tactical disadvantage for the officer utilizing the vehicle.

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4. What other available options and/or vendors were evaluated? If none, include the reasons why.

No other options were considered; the reasons why include:

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5. What ultimately led you to this product or service? Why was the recommended vendor selected?

Each Sheriff's Office Fleet Vehicle is equipped with identical equipment; the reasons above outline the necessity to have each vehicle uniform.

The recommended vendor is Cleveland Communications. The Harris mobile radio that is part of these build-outs can only be distributed in this area by Cleveland Communications.

6. Provide an explanation of unacceptable delays in fulfilling the County's need that would be incurred if award was made through a competitive bid.

The Harris mobile radio that is part of these build-outs can only be distributed in this area by Cleveland Communications. There is no need for a competitive bid process since no other vendor is able to provide this product to the County.

7. Describe what future plans, if any, the County can take to permit competition before any subsequent purchases of the required supplies or services.

n/a

Ed FitzGerald made a motion to approve, Michael Gallagher seconded, the item was approved.

Approve
 Disapprove
 Hold

6. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment – Ed FitzGerald made a motion to adjourn, Michael Gallagher seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 A.M.