



**COLE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Agenda for the Commission of Cole County  
For Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

(Commission is in session as posted beginning at 9:00 am, unless otherwise noted. The Commission will handle administrative matters between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm daily)

1. CALL TO ORDER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Cole County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Sam Bushman, Eastern District Commissioner Jeff Hoelscher (Absent) and Western District Kris Schepeler, Auditor Kristen Berhorst, News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Counselor Jill LaHue, EMA Coordinator Sierra Thomas, Purchasing Agent Jessica Bryant, EMS David Boyles, Prosecuting Attorney Locke Thompson, EMA Bill Farr, Counselor Jill LaHue, Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

3. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

6. BIDS & CONTRACTS

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to sign the Engagement Letter (updated) with Newman Comley Ruth (Michael G. Berry), at a rate of \$250.00 per hour and not to exceed 5 hours.** Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Schepelerle (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to approve the FTEP Sole Source Advertisement for National EMS Management Association for EMS Field Training and Evaluation Program.** Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Schepelerle (Yes).

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepelerle made a **motion to approve the Accounts Payable Review pending final review.** Commissioner Schepelerle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Schepelerle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

Prosecuting Attorney Locke Thompson was present to discuss with the Commissioners the VAWA (Violence Against Women's Act) Grant stating the federal grant funding of \$85,791.29 could fund an entry level assistant prosecutor's salary of 80% over two years (a brand new assistant prosecuting attorney begins with a yearly salary of \$50,000.00). Locke stated some assistant prosecuting attorneys are working 1,100 cases at this time, so this new position is greatly needed

now or down the road and feels we should use this grant money to help fund the position for two years.

Commissioner Scheperle asked Thompson where the other 20% funding would come from for this position. Locke stated he would request the remaining 20% be funded from the County instead of the Prosecutor's Funds. Auditor Berhorst stated the 20% is not in the 2020 Budget. Finance Malzner stated the 20% would cost the County \$27,000 annually, which includes benefits. No action taken today as Commissioner Scheperle would like for Commissioner Hoelscher to be involved with this request before a decision is made.

**DISCUSSION:**

No action taken on agenda item "Berry Updated Engagement Letter" as this was previously listed on today's agenda and motion made under "Agreement with Newman, Comley & Ruth".

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:**

**1st Reading of Budget Adjustment #1** in the amount of \$3,583.03 for the EMS Enterprise Fund. No action taken today.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to sign the Engagement Letter with Williams Keepers LLC for auditing of the County's 2019 financial statements.** Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to go into Closed Session at 9:19 a.m.** Pursuant to Section 610.021 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Commission will go into Closed Session to discuss the following: Legal Actions [Section 610.021(1)] and Personnel Issues [Section 610.021(13)]. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Absent), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**RECONVENE**

Commissioner Bushman made a **motion to go out of Closed Session at 11:30 a.m.** and reconvene as the Cole County Commission. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**10. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission will stand in recess until 4:30 p.m.

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

(Absent)

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Presiding Commissioner

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Eastern District Commissioner

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Western District Commissioner