



COLE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Agenda for the Commission of Cole County  
For Tuesday, March 3, 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 and Western District Kris Schepeler, Sheriff John Wheeler, Matt Alsager and John Nations (Polaris Strategies), Health Director Kristi Campbell, Joe Gassner and Mike Sapp (Health Department), News Tribune Jeff Haldiman, Auditor Kristen Berhorst, Purchasing Agent Jessica Bryant, Counselor Jill LaHue, EMS Director Matthew Lindewirth, EMS Deputy Chief David Boyles, Randy Allen (JC Area Chamber of Commerce), Finance Debbie Malzner, Judge Beetem, Public Defender Justin Carver, State Public Defender Ms. Cox, Deputy Clerk Lynne Reinkemeyer, present.

2. MINUTES & REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

**FEES:** February 2020 Clerk Fees Filed  
February 2020 Recorder Fees Filed

3. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

5. COMMISSION COMMENTS

6. BIDS & CONTRACTS

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve and sign the Sole Source with Axon Enterprises for Tasers and Taser Supplies (Sheriff's Office)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve and sign the Sole Source with C & C Group for HVAC (Maintenance)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to approve and sign the Sole Source with Accurate Controls Inc. for Security Supplies for Security Upgrade (Sheriff's Office)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Schepeler made a **motion to award Bid No. 2020-39 (Renewal 1): EMS Vehicle Fleet Maintenance & Repair Services to the lowest and best with availability**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Schepeler (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve and sign the Sole Source with Zoll Medical Corp for Preventative Maintenance (EMS)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve and sign the Preventative Maintenance Contract with Zoll Medical Corp (in the amount of \$32,175.00)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held regarding **Cole County's Economic Development**, with **Matt Alsager and John Nations**, speaking with the Commissioners about a Joint Venture of merging two companies to team together and work on a regional economic development plan for our area versus Cole County plan only. They also spoke about the contract being on a month to month basis. Alsager provided a copy of a proposed agreement for the Commissioners to review. No action taken today.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to approve the Environmental Fee Structure for On-Site Sewage Treatment as presented by the Health Department**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Scheperle made a **motion to sign the First Amendment to Master Services Agreement between Navex Global, Inc. and Cole County EMS (and Health Department)**. Commissioner Hoelscher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of: Commissioner Bushman (Yes), Commissioner Hoelscher (Yes), Commissioner Scheperle (Yes).

**DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Bushman provided a **Census update**, stating there will be a job fair at Lincoln University on March 4, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bushman stated an estimated 75 people are still needed in Cole County to help with the Census, a post card will be mailed out around the middle of March 2020 from the Census Bureau on how to complete the Census questionnaire (9 questions) and all information received is confidential.

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held regarding the **Cole County Public Defender Wait List**, with Judge Beetem, Justin Carver (Cole County Public Defender) and Ms. Cox with the State Public Defender's Office to inform the Commissioners of what the "wait list" means and the process it takes to reduce the list. Judge Beetem stated there are currently 4,056 criminal cases pending in Cole County as of last week, with the majority being misdemeanors and estimated 600 being felonies. There is approximately 318 individuals on the "public defenders wait list", with 30 people in the jail (16 with multiple charges), 50 people in prison and the remaining individuals being released. Discussion also involved information regarding Greene County Commissioners funding \$25,000.00 to the Greene County Public Defenders Fund and the State Public Defender matched it as new contract money to hire public defenders to reduce their "wait list". The proposal presented to the Commissioners today (like Greene County Commissioners approved) was fund \$10,000.00 before July 1, 2020 and \$15,000.00 after July 1, 2020. **The Commissioners agreed to fund \$10,000.00 now and check the status of the "wait list" in a few months before approving the additional \$15,000.00.**

9. OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION THIS DAY

Next week's Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 instead of Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

