

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 11, 1990

The Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session for:

1. Review and awarding of Group Health Insurance Bids
2. Review of FY 89-90 budget

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Donnell Whitfield
James M. Dillard
Ellis Melvin
Willie T. Grant
Monroe Cox

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk of Court
Gail O'Bryan, Admin. Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Whitfield.

Harold Montford with Panhandle Insurance and Financial Services, Inc., Gary Poplin with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Faye Vickery were present to represent their bids for group health ins.

The Board, Clerk and insurance representatives discussed at length health coverage, life insurance, deductables and rates.

After more discussion, Commissioner Cox moved to accept low bid from Panhandle Insurance and Financial Services, Inc., since it was low bid.

Commissioner Whitfield relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Dillard in order to 2nd the motion.

Commissioner Whitfield 2nd Commissioner Cox's Motion to accept low bid from Panhandle Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.

Commissioner Dillard then returned the Chair to Commissioner Whitfield and stated during discussion that the monetary difference in Panhandle Insurance's bid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield's bid was \$1.56 per month, and for that difference felt since we have had good experience with the paying of claims by BC/BS, and less of a deductible, he would recommend BC/BS. However, since he would only be on the policy for 6 months due to retiring and medicare, and since the County needed to save every thing they could, the \$1.56 per employee per month would help and therefore would vote for Panhandle Insurance since they were low bid.

Commissioner Whitfield called for a vote and the Motion Carried 3-1. Commissioner Melvin voting no.

Commissioner Melvin stated he felt BC/BS had the best bid. He said he was not in favor of the County paying for additional life insurance benefits, but was concerned with the health benefits and rates and the difference in the health rates was BC/BS \$171.52 versus \$171.18 Panhandle Ins. He stated the County had had a good experience with the payment of claims by BC/BS and also Blue Cross/Blue Shield's deductible was \$50.00 less, and for that difference was in favor of keeping the present coverage with BC/BS.

Commissioner Melvin also questioned Commissioner Whitfield's relinquishing of the Chair to Commissioner Dillard, He stated Commissioner Cox is Vice-Chairman, not Commissioner Dillard.

Commissioner Whitfield responded it was an oversight on his part and apologized for same. After discussion, Commissioner Cox withdrew his motion and Commissioner Whitfield withdrew his 2nd.

Motion by Commissioner Cox to award Group Health Insurance to Panhandle Ins. and Financial Services since it is the low bid.

2nd Grant

Motion carried 4-1 Commissioner Melvin voting no for the same above reasons.

Commissioner Whitfield stated he voted for Panhandle Insurance and Financial Services, Inc., for the following reasons:

1. Panhandle Ins. was the low bid.
2. Will save taxpayers \$3,622.92 annually.
3. \$25.71 savings per month on family coverage
4. He would rather keep money in the County since it was low bid.
5. Panhandle Ins. has \$15,000.00 life ins. on employees -vs \$2,000.00 Blue Cross/Blue Shield. \$15,000.00 life ins. is at a lesser cost than the \$2,000.00 offered by BC/BS.

The Board and Clerk reviewed Revenues and Expenditures for FY 89-90.

The being no further business, the Bd did adjourn.