

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING  
July 11, 2007

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY §  
STATE OF ALABAMA §

This being the date and hour to which the Tuscaloosa County Commission adjourned, the County Commission met pursuant to such adjournment with Probate Judge W. Hardy McCollum presiding as Chairman. The following members were present:

Don Wallace  
Gary Youngblood  
Bobby Miller  
Reginald Murray

Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Don Wallace, the County Commission voted unanimously to award the bid for base processing Field Road to RCI Contractors and Engineers, Inc. The bids were opened June 20, 2007.

Commissioner Gary Youngblood moved, seconded by Commissioner Don Wallace, the County Commission voted unanimously to award the bid for two (2) track-type hydraulic excavators to Thompson Tractor Co., Inc. The bids were opened June 6, 2007.

Commissioner Gary Youngblood moved, seconded by Commissioner Don Wallace, the County Commission voted unanimously to award the bid for four (4) backhoe loaders to Thompson Tractor Co., Inc. The bids were opened June 6, 2007.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the execution of Amendment No. 7, an increase of \$25,400, to McGiffert and Associates LLC's engineering contract. The county added the Mitchell Water System/Propst Road Water Extension

Project to the county's "Water Expansion Program", thus an increase in engineering fees.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Don Wallace, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the execution of Amendment No. 8, an increase of \$16,100, to McGiffert and Associates LLC's engineering contract. The county added the Englewood-Hulls Water System/Frierson Road Water Extension Project to the county's "Water Expansion Program", thus an increase in engineering fees.

Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Gary Youngblood, the County Commission voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the submission of an application for grant funds under the Juvenile Formula Grant Program through the Alabama Department of Economics and Community Development. This \$100,000 zero match grant will assist with implementation of a primary prevention program for juveniles.

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Bids for one or more Airborne Digital COFDM Microwave Down-link Systems were opened and referred to the Sheriff's Office for appropriate action. Bidding firms were as follows:

Global Microwave Systems, Inc.  
Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc.  
Microwave Radio Communications

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Upon request by the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and upon motion by Commissioner Bobby Miller, seconded by Commissioner Don Wallace, the County Commission voted unanimously to reject the bids opened on June 27, 2007, for one or more Precast Concrete Communications Shelters. Due to the cost of the overall project, bids will be requested under more stringent guidelines.

Terrie Hinton presented a "Petition to Improve Conditions on Jones Camp Road and Jones Camp Spur" to the Commission for their consideration.

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Janet Zeanah, Assistant Director of The Phoenix House, Inc., presented to the Commission a written request for assistance with funding for improvements to the kitchen at the non-profit alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility located in Tuscaloosa.

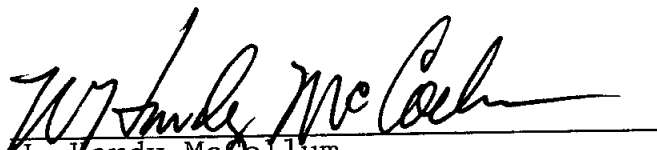
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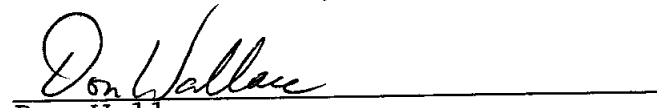
Commissioner Gary Youngblood moved, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Miller, the County Commission voted unanimously to establish and post a 25 MPH speed limit in Oakwood Estates.

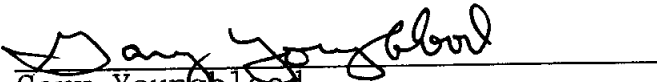
Commissioner Bobby Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Reginald Murray, the County Commission voted three to one to authorize the Engineering Department to install two speed tables on Bear Creek Road and two speed tables on the road to Maxwell Elementary School, providing this action is deemed necessary after review by the Engineering Department. Commissioner Gary Youngblood cast the NAY vote.

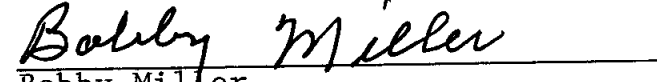
Commissioner Reginald Murray moved, seconded by Commissioner Bobby Miller, the County Commission voted unanimously to authorize the Road and Bridge Department to pave the area around the dumpster at Myrtlewood Elementary School; contingent upon receiving a written request from the Tuscaloosa County Board of Education.


There being no further business to come before the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

  
W. Hardy McCallum  
Judge of Probate and Chairman  
Tuscaloosa County Commission

  
Don Wallace  
Commissioner - District I

  
Gary Youngblood  
Commissioner - District II

  
Bobby Miller  
Commissioner - District III

  
Reginald Murray  
Commissioner - District IV

**RESOLUTION**


WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa County Commission is eligible to apply for grant funds under the Juvenile Formula Grant Program through Alabama Department of Economics and Community Development (ADECA); and

WHEREAS, the Tuscaloosa County Commission supports and endorses the application for said grant funds to assist the implementation of a primary prevention program for juveniles in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; and

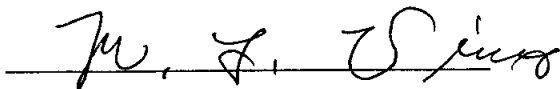
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscaloosa County Commission hereby approves and supports the submission of the proposed application package.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tuscaloosa County Commission authorizes the Chairman, W. Hardy McCollum, to execute any and all documents as required to provide for the submission and approval of the proposed project.

Approved and adopted this the 11th day of July 2007.

  
W. Hardy McCollum, Chairman  
Tuscaloosa County Commission

Attest



SEAL

EX 7-1

W. HARDY McCOLLUM  
CHAIRMAN

ROBERT H. JOHNSTON  
CLERK



MEMBERS  
DON WALLACE  
GARY YOUNGBLOOD  
BOBBY MILLER  
REGINALD MURRAY

## COUNTY COMMISSION

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY ALABAMA  
P.O. BOX 20113 • 714 GREENSBORO AVENUE  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35402-0113  
205-349-3870  
June 20, 2007

Microwave Radio Communications  
Global Microwave Systems, Inc.  
Broadcast Microwave Services

Gentlemen:

Tuscaloosa County will accept bids for one or more Airborne Digital COFDM Microwave Downlink System for the proposed radio system currently under development by the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2007. For inquiries, contact Sgt. Andy Norris at telephone 205-826-4433.

To insure that your bid is not compromised, return your bid in the "BID" envelope provided, or use the "BID" envelope to address your bid package, or bring your bid to the Clerk's Office, Room G46, in the courthouse prior to 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Exception - overnight mail address to Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, 714 Greensboro Avenue, Room G46, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

Attached are the bid specifications and bid submission form compiled by the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

A word to the wise - MAIL EARLY - overnight mail, including Airborne Express, Federal Express, etc. does not always arrive by 9:00 a.m. the next day.

Sincerely,

*Bobby (lks)*  
Robert H. Johnston  
Clerk

RHJ:lks

encl.

copy: Chief Ron Abernathy  
file

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Price Summary:

1. Equipment total for each aircraft as listed above: (optional encryption included)

.a With SDMT-C MPEG2 4:2:0 transmitter: \$35,800

-OR-

.b With MDT-B MPEG2 4:2:0/4:2:2 transmitter: \$44,300

2. Equipment for each central receiver and antenna. (with decryption) \$48,300

3. Equipment for each Mobile receiver and antenna. (with decryption) \$50,155

4. extended warranty; 24 months instead of 12: Price waived

5. Training; 2 days at customer site including travel and per diem \$4,000

6. FCC Licensing; Filing FCC Form 601 \$1,220

Special Discount: GMS is offering a special discount of 10% on all items included in the price summary items 1.a, 1.b, 2 and 3 above when one set is purchased.

GMS is offering a special discount of 20% on all items included in the price summary items 1.a, 1.b, 2 and 3 above when two or more sets are purchased on a single purchase order.

Global Microwave Systems Inc

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July 6, 2007

Robert H. Johnson, Clerk  
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse  
714 Greensboro Avenue, Room G46  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

King County Sheriff's Office  
7300 Perimeter Road South, Room 143  
Seattle, WA 98108  
Contact: Sydney Jackson  
Phone: 206-296-2740

BID TABULATION

1. HELICOPTER TRANSMITTER SYSTEM GSA BID PRICE \$60,175.17

BMS' bid response complies with all the specifications as listed in the Helicopter Transmitter Specifications. The equipment is listed in our quotation JVOTQ3037-02

2. AUTOTRACKING CENTRAL RECEIVE SYSTEM GSA BID PRICE \$92,856.52

BMS' bid response complies with all the specifications as listed in the Autotracking Central Receive System Specifications. The equipment is listed in our quotation JVOTQ3038. BMS has included in its bid the necessary interconnecting cables and surge protection between the tower mounted antenna/radom equipment and the indoor mounted equipment. The bid does not include the tower mount for the antenna/radom and the cable mountings as these are installation items that are determined by the facility the equipment will be installed at.

3. MOBILE TRACKING ANTENNA SYSTEM GSA BID PRICE \$49,367.48

OPTIONAL NYCOIL ASSEMBLY GSA BID PRICE \$1,870.53

BMS' bid response complies with all the specifications as listed in the Mobile Tracking Antenna System Specifications. The equipment is listed in our quotation JVOTQ3039.

Thomas P. Smith Jr.  
Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc.

**Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc.**  
12367 Crosthwaite Circle • Dock 10 • Poway, CA 92064  
Phone: 858-391-3050 • Toll Free: 800-669-9667 • Fax: 858-391-3049 • Web: www.bms-inc.com



Microwave Radio Communications  
 101 Billerica Ave, Bldg. 6  
 North Billerica, MA, USA 01862  
 Tel: (978) 671-5700 Fax: (978) 671-5903

**QUOTE**

Date	Quote #
06/28/07	927635-01

**Sold To:** Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office  
 Hampel, Ron  
 714 1/2 Greensboro Avenue  
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401  
 United States of America

**Email:** rhampel@tuscco.com  
**Phone:** 205-752-0616  
**Fax:** (205) 349-0973

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 Hampel, Ron  
 714 1/2 Greensboro Avenue  
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401  
 United States of America

**Phone:** 205-752-0616  
**Fax:** (205) 349-0973

Terms	Rep	P.O. Number	Ship Via
	JPina		

Item	Qty	Part Number	Description	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1	1		<b>6.4 GHz Airborne Downlink System -For an OH58</b>	<b><u>\$45,693.56</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,693.56</u></b>
2		License Coordination	License fee for frequency coordination in the 6GHz band		
3		STA064T1AK	STRATA-HS TXU RF Unit, frequency Band: 6.4 - 7.1 GHz. Includes MPEG, HS-COFDM, DC Input Voltage Range: +11 to +36 VDC.		
4		907900-2	AES encryption for HS transmitters, factory installed with product order only.		
5		907739-1	Strata bracket and replacement handle kit for mounting in a 2-radio stack. (Helicopter application only. Replaces PN 907211-1)		
6		907621-1	STRATA Transmitter Serial Remote Control Unit. Includes Preset channel, Channel Offset, RF Power Hi/Lo/Transmit/Standby, and brightness controls		
7		SM6471-43L	Power Amp Module, 6.4-7.1GHz, with Forward Power Detection, RF sample port, Fan, Heat Sink, TTL, and DC-DC Converter (+24V to +12V)		
8		TV1-1T-TBC	Time Base Corrector		
9		810-13A-IPHSG	Amplifier (Enclosed Housing), Heat sink and interface connections.		
10	1	CO6466-6-NF-F	Collinear Omni Antenna (6425-6525MHz, 6 dBi, Vertical Polarization, N Female Flange Mount, Black Finish) Note: Customer frequencies Band is 6425-6525 MHz		
11	1	TCOM-400-PUR-25	Cable Assembly, TCOM 25 FT, N-Male connector both ends		

*The cables above are quoted at 25 feet each, however the exact antenna placement is likely to require different lengths. These lengths need to be specified, and the BOM modified prior to shipment of the order.*

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12	1		<b>Strategic Receive Site Equipment</b>	<u>\$64,753.70</u>	<u>\$64,753.70</u>
13		SEC16-7V-NLNF	(5) Radiowaves Flat panel 16dBi SectorScan Antenna 7 GHz Vertical. polarization no LNA no filter		
14		F4-NMNM-3	(5) Cable assembly, 3 foot, FSJ4-50B, 1/2" Superflexible with N Male/N Male connectors		
15		L3080	(5) Link Input Filter for L3070 (Downconverter base unit 6.425-7.125GHZ systems - without filter)		
16		L3070	(5) Link Low Noise Block Down Converter		
17		DRS6000-HS	DRS6000 HS , Diversity Receiver 5 Input (UHF) Homeland Security Version, MaxRC		
18		PE9088	(5) TNC to BNC Adapter		
19		907760-2	AES decryption for HS receivers, factory installed with product order only.		
20		Cable	(5) 150 feet of RF cable from BDC to Diversity Receiver		
<p><i>Note: Note: Installation is not included in the bid specification. However, MRC does offer this service. A site survey is required to price this option.</i></p>					
21	1		<i>Optional IP conversion unit to allow video streaming to Windows media</i>	<u>\$12,857.00</u>	<u>\$12,857.00</u>
22		9190-4200-1003	NTSC to IP, Digitizing and compressing a video signal for delivery over an IP network		
23	1		<b>Mobile Command</b>	<u>\$38,705.50</u>	<u>\$38,705.50</u>
24		CO6471-11-GRY	(2) Collinear Omni Antenna, 6.4-6.6 GHz, 11 dBi, Vertical Polarization, N Female Connector, Pipe-Mount, Black Finish		
25		F4-NMNM-3	(2) Cable assembly, 3 foot, FSJ4-50B, 1/2" Superflexible with N Male/N Male connectors		
26		L3080	(2) Link Input Filter for L3070 (Downconverter base unit 6.425-7.125GHZ systems - without filter)		
27		L3070	(2) Link Low Noise Block Down Converter		
28		908441-B	Diversity Junction Box		
29		DRS2000-HS	Diversity Receiver, 2-Input (UHF), Homeland Security Version, MaxRC Diversity		



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33		904295-42DB	Nycoil assy		
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34	1		<b>On-Site Technical Support &amp; Training</b>	<u>\$10,175.00</u>	<u>\$10,175.00</u>
35		Technical Support	MRC will provide on-site technical support to Tuscaloosa Co. during the set-up of its system and also provide 5 days of training for the aircraft crew and ground based personnel.		

This quotation was prepared by: JPina Microwave Radio Communications Phone: Fax: E-Mail:	<u>SubTotal</u>	<u>\$173,887.56</u>
	Sales Tax	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,887.56</b>

**Terms, Conditions, Insurance, and Banking**

**TERMS & CONDITIONS** - Unless otherwise noted, all other Standard MRC Terms and Conditions of Sale apply. This quotation is valid for 90 days after which either a confirmation of prices or a new quotation will be necessary. Prices are quoted in U.S. Dollars (\$), Ex-Works Billerica, MA. Prices quoted include a two-year in-plant warranty on MRC manufactured products and packed for domestic shipment.

**AVAILABILITY** - Normal availability for MRC products are 12 weeks after receipt of frequencies and agreed payment terms. Availability for system integration orders subject to OEM lead times.

**STANDARD DOMESTIC PAYMENT TERMS** - Unless otherwise agreed: a: A 30% downpayment with your order with the balance due two weeks prior to shipment. b: Confirmed Irrevocable Letter of Credit.

**INSURANCE SHIPPING CHARGES** - MRC will insure this shipment for the full equipment purchase price of this order unless otherwise declined in writing by the customer prior to shipment. Insurance costs will range between \$.25 - \$.50 per \$100 of equipment value for surface shipment. Other insurance costs may be applicable for shipment by air. MRC will submit a Sales Order Acknowledgment to the above referenced Customer facsimile number. This Acknowledgment must be signed and returned to MRC declining insurance coverage. It may either be mailed to: MRC, 101 Billerica Ave. (Bldg. #8), N. Billerica MA 01862-1256, or faxed to (978) 671-5903 or 5904.

**BANK INFORMATION** - Citizens Bank, 1 Citizens Drive, Riverside, RI 02915, EFT/ACH ABA#211070175, Wire ABA#011500120, International Wires: Swift Code CTZIUS33, Account Name: Vislink, Inc., Account #1308745343 Reference: Invoice number, PO number or Sales Order number and Customer Name

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 North Billerica, MA, USA 01862  
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1	1		<b>6.4 GHz GPS Auto -Tracking Airborne Downlink System -For an OH58</b>	<u>\$47,271.76</u>	<u>\$47,271.76</u>
2		License Coordination	License fee for Frequency coordination in the 6 GHz band		
3		STA064T1AK	STRATA-HS TXU RF Unit, frequency Band: 6.4 - 7.1 GHz. Includes MPEG, HS-COFDM, DC Input Voltage Range: +11 to +36 VDC.		
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12	1	ANT-ACT-ARM	Actuator Arm		

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13	1		<b>Strategic Receive Site Equipment</b>	<b><u>\$75,520.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$75,520.00</u></b>
14		USCAN-DR11-7C	UltraScan II 7 GHz Solid state digital ready @ 7 GHz, 2 GHz LNA W continuous rotation & Radome. (Includes DRO)		
15		CR4019R10BF	CodeRunner CR.4 Receiver, 1.99-2.7 GHz (other bands via external LNA/block downconverters), 110 VAC, includes 3 IF filters: 10 MHz SAW, 15 & 20 MHz LC filters (3 RU rackmount)		
16		RXL-RMS-HS	Rack Mount Shelf for RXL-HS digital receiver. Includes AC-DC power supply. Painted Grey.		
17		907760-2	AES decryption for HS receivers, factory installed with product order only.		
18		RXL-IRD-AK	RXL HS-COFDM and MPEG-2 integrated receiver decoder (IRD) including 70 MHz IF input. ASI, Baseband video and two audio outputs are standard. +9 to +16 VDC.		
19		API-PSS-07	PSIV, Surg protection box		
20		S750-RSC	Remote Site/Local Slave Controller Bundle including: Ant., RX, Decoder Control, RS232/422, TCP/IP, Dial-up communications mediums, Dial-up Backup Modem, Aux. connections for 4 Alarms, 4 Site Management, 4 Auxiliary, Venue Presets, and TouchStar Lite software. DOES NOT include UMC-5 which must be added for 2/4 Wire dedicated communications. Note: (Must supply part number = RSC-A__(Antenna) R__(Receiver) D__(Decoder)-N (NavTrack Optional) configuration.)		
21		MC-17-S	Troll TouchStar Master Control System consisting of M170 17" rack mounted flat panel monitor, M3000 TouchStar rack mounted computer, TouchStar-PRO operating software, real-time in-screen video monitor, and 10x1 video switcher with software control.		
22		ES-001	(3) Engineering Services per day rate		
23		842746-2-200	Central Receive Antenna Control Cable Assembly, 200 feet in length, with terminated top and bottom connectors		

*Note: Note: Installation and materials is not included in the bid specification. However, MRC does offer this service. A site survey is required to price this option.*



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This quotation was prepared by: JPina Microwave Radio Communications Phone: Fax: E-Mail:	<u>SubTotal</u>	<u>\$196,529.26</u>
	Sales Tax	\$0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,529.26</b>

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EX7-2

### Petition to Improve Conditions on Jones Camp Road and Jones Camp Spur

**Petition summary and background**  
 Jones Camp Road and Jones Camp Spur are dirt and gravel roads currently maintained by the County. The roads are narrow in places and difficult for two cars to pass each other safely. Jones Camp Spur is primarily downhill, therefore suffers more erosion with loss of dirt to the road and "washboard" surfaces that are dangerous and difficult to drive. Traffic has increased on the roads over the past 10 years with 2 new family residences, one new landowner, an active community cemetery that requires periodic maintenance for ongoing burials, and an active business with several employees and requiring the use of large trucks for transporting of materials.

**Action petitioned for**  
 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to lay tar and slag on Jones Camp Road and Jones Camp Spur, as soon as possible to prevent further erosion and potentially dangerous situations for our residents.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Terre Hinton	Jemie Hinton	11075 Jones Camp Spur		7/9/07
Atheold Davis	<i>[Signature]</i>	11025 Jones Camp Spur		7/10/07
Chris Brown	Chris Brown	14900 Jones Camp Rd		7/10/07
Barbara Davis	Sandra Davis	11001 Jones Camp Spur		7/10/07
Martha Smith	Martha Smith	14854 Jones Camp Rd		7/10/07
Taylor Hinton	Taylor Hinton	11075 Jones Camp Spur		7/10/07
Allen Hinton	Allen Hinton	11075 Jones Camp Spur		7/10/07
Orni Marie Ferranders	Orni Marie Ferranders	14839 Jones Camp Rd		7-10-07
Edward Ferranders	Edward Ferranders	14839 Jones Camp Rd		7/10/07



# THE PHOENIX HOUSE, INC.

July 11, 2007

Honorable W. Hardy McCollum,  
Bobbie Miller, Reginald Murray, Don Wallace and Gary Youngblood,

I am submitting this request on behalf of The Phoenix House, Inc.

Phoenix House Inc., located in Tuscaloosa, is a non-profit alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility which serves men and women. Our organization was started by a local group of clergy in the 1960s. We serve 32 clients, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We never close. We provide food, lodging, linens, bath items, laundry facilities, transportation, and clothing. 70% of our current clients are Tuscaloosa County residents and all clients work in Tuscaloosa County.

Our primary mission is to assist individuals in their recovery and help them return to society as productive members. Success is achieved through individual and group counseling, vocational and adult education, life skills, job training, and job placement. We work closely with many area agencies including Easter Seals and Vocational Rehab.

Clients are with us for a period of 90 days to one year, with an additional 18 months in one of our four three-quarter houses. If we were not here, these men and women would possibly be on the streets, using, manufacturing and selling drugs. Because of their addictions they could not be productive parents, workers, or citizens. Our tax dollars would go in part to housing them in jails, supporting through welfare, and caring for their children.

Primary funding for the Phoenix House comes from State Funds at a rate of \$45.00 a day paid for 21 clients. (We serve 32) Harwood et al. (2001) reported an average cost across 15 residential programs of \$544/week (\$78/day). The United Way of Tuscaloosa provides about 5 % of our funding needs. Building improvements are done with the help of local churches, service clubs, and volunteers. Our Profit/Loss statement for October 2005 - September 2006 (our fiscal year) shows our deficit of over 45,000.00.

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In August 2005, we used our gymnasium to open a thrift store we call The Mustard Tree Thrift Shop. All items are donated. The store provides us with needed items for clients, as well as generating funds to help with our programs. It is the site where many people work to satisfy their community service hours. We keep up with the hours served and notify the courts. As mission work, youth groups from local churches help us several times a year. The store is run by volunteers.

The Phoenix House has 15 staff members; A director, an assistant director, one financial manager, one office manager, an intake counselor, a housemother, a kitchen manager/cook, a maintenance man, 5 full time case managers and 2 part time case managers. The average salary for full time case managers is \$8.08 an hour and \$10.87 for office employees. Salaries have increased at a rate of less than 1 percent during the last four years. Medical and dental insurance is provided by the Phoenix House. There is no retirement plan for any employee. Money is spent thoughtfully and sparingly.

We are currently working on our kitchen. For the clients, one of the most important part of their day is meal time. We provide balanced nutritional meals. We are in the process of improving our kitchen facility. Clients come to us with open sores, hepatitis, staph infections and other health issues. It is very important that our facility is kept clean and sanitized. Old, roach infested wooden cabinets have been replaced with stainless steel racks and tables. Flooring has been picked out and a volunteer crew committed to installing it. We are looking for cost effective freezers and a steamer for cooking. We currently wash dishes by hand and should to be able to buy a restaurant grade sanitizing dishwasher soon.

Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox has pledge to submit a recommendation to the Tuscaloosa City Council to give \$10,000.00 to be used for kitchen improvements. Altrusa International's Tuscaloosa Chapter raised \$1,600.00 for the kitchen project and First United Methodist Church has donated \$4,100.00. Estimated cost for improvements is \$25,000.00.

If you, the Tuscaloosa County Commissioners, join in this effort to support a very important facility in Tuscaloosa I feel that others will follow.

Addiction is not a socially acceptable disease, but it has personally affected most of us in some way.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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