University of Central Missouri
Board of Governors
Special Plenary Session
September 8, 2020

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) Board of Governors convened in a Special Plenary Session at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2020, via Zoom. The meeting originated from Room 204 of the Administration Building on UCM's main campus in Warrensburg, Missouri. Presiding over the meeting was Board President Stephen Abney. In addition to University President Roger Best, individuals participating in the meeting from an off-campus site included Governors Stephen Abney, John Collier, Mary Dandurand, Kenneth Weymuth, Gus Wetzel II, Marvin E. Wright and Zachary Racy. Staff participating via Zoom from ADM 204 were General Counsel Lindsay Chapman and Assistant Board Secretary Monica Huffman. Vice President for Finance and Operations Bill Hawley and Associate Vice President of Technology/Chief Information Officer Jim Graham participated via Zoom from their UCM offices.

Call to Order and Roll Call – Agenda Item No. 1

Mr. Abney called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Huffman to take the roll. It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Broadband Network Infrastructure – Agenda Item No. 2

Mr. Hawley referred the Board to a briefing paper (Attachment) containing background information for the proposed purchase and installation of a broadband infrastructure network that would meet the unique needs, demands, and requirements of UCM students, faculty, and staff for the next five years.

The existing broadband network infrastructure provides network connectivity to over 22,000 hard-wired ports in over 50 buildings across campus with remote locations including Pertle Springs, The Missouri Innovation Campus in Lee's Summit, Missouri, UCM's South Recreation Center and Skyhaven Airport. The core network infrastructure equipment serves as the centralized network interconnect for all campus buildings, as well as provides an uplink to Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) for internet; a connection to the UCM television transmitter tower in Syracuse, Missouri; a link to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for campus police services; and, connectivity to many other key systems and services that are on premise and/or hosted off campus. Additionally, there is an increased need resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic with emphasis being placed on providing instruction to students in a more hybrid environment, which entails face-to-face instruction along with video interaction with online students.

In addition to a hosts of other demands being placed on the existing broadband network, several components of the network are rapidly reaching an end-of-life status. The proposed broadband network infrastructure initiative consists of several components which include core routers, edge firewalls, server firewalls, building entry switches, floor switches, and security/monitoring tools. The total cost of the broadband network infrastructure is approximately $2.5 million.

Mr. Hawley shared the following quotes that were received.

Broadband Network Infrastructure Quotes			
Century Link (Fortinet firewall)	$ 2,906,678		
CDW (Fortinet firewall)	$ 2,888,986		
ConvergeOne (Fortinet firewall)	$ 2,820,646		
World Wide Technologies (Fortinet firewall)	$ 2,678,918		
World Wide Technologies (Cisco firewall)	**$ 2,379,548**	recommendation	

Full funding for the proposed broadband network infrastructure will come from Federal CARES Act funding. Traditionally UCM would require fulfillment of a contract before making payment for products and services; however, the Cares Act Funding requires that orders for equipment/services be ordered and paid for by early November. Mr. Abney asked for verification that UCM will have no out-of-pocket expenses for this procurement. Mr. Hawley stated UCM will pay the cost upfront and be reimbursed through the Cares Act funds.

Mr. Abney asked if delays are expected due to current demands. Mr. Hawley said he does not expect delays. World Wide Technology plans to order the equipment from Cisco this week and once the equipment is received, it will need to be configured. Although there are a couple of components that normally take 30 days to deliver, Cisco believes they can deliver these to World Wide Technology in sufficient time for the equipment to be configured. Mr. Wright asked if the vendor will provide a guarantee for the order stating the equipment is UCM's. Mr. Hawley responded yes, it would be written into the contract. Mr. Abney asked General Counsel if she is comfortable with the University prepaying for equipment it has not yet received. Ms. Chapman stated language will be included in the contract to ensure we remain eligible for the Cares Act funds and to ensure the terms of the contract are enforceable.

Mr. Collier asked about reduced internet speed. Mr. Hawley stated the upgrade in the network infrastructure will enhance remote work and distance learning. Mr. Weymuth commended staff for its innovative thinking and obtaining so many bids in such a short time.

Mr. Wright moved that the Board of Governors approve the purchase of broadband network infrastructure components, to include core routers, edge firewalls, enhanced security monitoring tools, server firewalls, building entry routing, and floor switching from World Wide Technology for $2,379,548, via a contract approved by the Office of the General Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Collier and carried unanimously with the following roll call vote:

Gus Wetzel II	*aye*	*Marvin E. Wright*	*aye*
Kenneth Weymuth	*aye*	*John Collier*	*aye*
Mary Dandurand	*aye*	*Steve Abney*	*aye*

Adjournment – Agenda Item No. 15

There being no further business to discuss, *Mr. Collier moved that the Board of Governors meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dandurand and carried with the following roll call vote:*

Gus Wetzel II	*aye*	*Marvin E. Wright*	*aye*
Kenneth Weymuth	*aye*	*John Collier*	*aye*
Mary Dandurand	*aye*	*Steve Abney*	*aye*

The meeting concluded at 2:20 p.m.