REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE:	July 5, 2005
SUBJECT:	Animal Shelter Bid
ATTACHMENTS:	No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board of Commissioners awarded the construction bid to Cooper Construction Company for the new Animal Shelter on May 2, 2005. However, the Board directed staff to work with the architect and contractor to bring the cost within budget. At the point of the award, we were \$68,681 over budget.

We have now processed a change order in the amount of \$77,247 reducing the base bid to \$1,280,382. As requested at the May 2, 2005, staff is requesting permission from the Board to add 7 additional runs to the base bid. The cost of these runs is approximately \$80,000.

Staff has been developing a fund raising effort for the new Shelter. We have already received \$54,000 in donations or commitments for this project. We have also received in-kind commitments for items such as landscaping. These commitments have happened by word-of-mouth without any formal fund raising effort. We believe that we can work with the community to pay for these runs and for other projects around the shelter.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

The Board is requested to confirm the base bid of \$1,280,382 and authorize staff to negotiate with the contractor to add 7 additional runs in association with a fund raising effort.