

**BOCC APPROVAL JULY 19, 2017**  
**BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS JULY 13, 2017**

**3. PATIENT TRANSPORTATION -- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**  
**FUNDING -- VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

(Request sent to 18 vendors)

RFP #17-0069 Contract

	<b>Apple Bus Company</b>	Overland Charters
<b>Rates for Transport of one (1) or more patients per trip not requiring restraints</b>		
Round trip from Wichita to Osawatomie State Hospital	<b>\$377.03</b>	\$870.00
Round trip from Wichita to Larned State Hospital	<b>\$361.33</b>	\$750.00
Per mile rate as needed for transportation service other than to or from above hospitals	<b>\$2.53</b>	\$2.50
<b>Rates for Transport of one (1) or more patients per trip requiring restraints</b>		
Round trip from Wichita to Osawatomie State Hospital	<b>\$416.88</b>	\$905.00
Round trip from Wichita to Larned State Hospital	<b>\$389.45</b>	\$780.00
Per mile rate as needed for transportation service other than to or from above Hospitals	<b>\$2.53</b>	\$2.50
No Bids	Village Tours	Security Transport

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of various county departments, Jennifer Dombaugh moved to **accept the overall low proposal from Apple Bus Company at the rates listed above and establish contract pricing for one (1) year with four (4) one (1) year options to renew.** Linda Kizzire seconded the motion. Richard Powell and Talaya Schwartz abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee comprised of Talaya Schwartz and Nancy Patterson - COMCARE, Lt. James Convey and Sgt. Scott Plummer - Sheriff's Office, and Britt Rosencutter - Purchasing, reviewed and scored the responses based on criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee unanimously decided to recommend Apple Bus Company for award.

COMCARE is a licensed community mental health center and licensed alcohol and drug treatment provider serving Sedgwick County, Kansas. COMCARE serves approximately 15,008 individuals annually with a variety of mental and behavioral health issues.

Some of the clients served through COMCARE require transportation from the local psychiatric hospital and service provider locations to state hospitals for continued treatment, or must be transported from a state hospital to a provider.

Occasionally, additional patient or inmate transportation needs arise. COMCARE and the Sheriff's Office require a transportation vendor to provide safe and efficient transportation services.

Apple Bus Company is our current vendor. Average annual spend is approximately \$136,268.00.

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*Questions and Answers*

Linda Kizzire: I thought that I had heard that Larned was moving their mental health patients over to El Dorado so is this cost going to be adjusted to fix that?

Penny Poland: Actually the Larned Correctional Mental Health inmates will be moved. They are more of the offenders who are incarcerated. These are people who are receiving treatment at a psychiatric unit.

Linda Kizzire: So those would be the ones that would possibly be coming from the Sheriff's Department, then?

Richard Powell: Primarily they're going to be admitted via court order, either through the courts or through the recommendation of COMCARE and these are people that are not necessarily in custody for a crime, they're simply a client that needs some type of mental health care of some kind, whereas your initial question, to go back on that, those people have already been typically convicted through the court system and they are inmates of the state of Kansas - the ones that are going to El Dorado, so we have two different groups of people – some that are people from the public sector that are looking for mental health treatment versus those that are convicted of crimes and sentenced to institutions.

Thomas Stolz: So the offender's side of that equation is transported by you guys?

Richard Powell: No. We don't necessarily have them in our custody. Those are typically inmates that are in the custody of the state. We have our own mental health pod. Occasionally, once in a blue moon, we will have one that requires treatment on a local basis that will get a court order for that. I would probably guess high if I said one per year. We just don't have that many in our local Sheriff's Office custody in the Adult Detention Facility.

Thomas Stolz: When Apple Bus transports these clients do they have to be restrained in any way?

Talaya Schwartz: It's a possibility, it depends on the level of severity of the client that's experiencing a crisis. If they are in immediate danger to themselves or others they do get shackled when they're placed in but that's not always the case, that's usually left up to the mental health screener who is screening them into the hospital as well as the transportation provider.

Thomas Stolz: I assume that they have a vehicle that's specially designed to allow that to happen. It says bus. This price \$377.03 is the same whether we send one or six people.

Talaya Schwartz: Correct and it should say 'secured patient transportation' instead of just regular transportation.

Thomas Stolz: So is there some procedural aspect on the back end to try to send as many people to be efficient with the trips since we're paying by the trip not by the person, or does that not even come into the equation? We just move them when they have to move?

Talaya Schwartz: Usually it depends on if we're screening more than one person at a time and it looks like several of them could need transportation to the hospital, then they will try to group them but usually it's as the clients come into crisis.