

THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY
SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler, Chairman, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Vice Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones and Mr. Reggie Loper met in regular session at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Commissioner Mason was not present for the meeting.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mrs. Elizabeth Pavlis, County Attorney; Mr. Toss Allen, Interim County Administrator; Mr. Adam Kobek, Director of Community Relations; Mrs. Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk; Mrs. Joanna Wright, Finance Director; Mrs. Fiona Charleton, Purchasing Agent, Mr. Jimmy McDuffie, Sheriff; Mr. Richard Bush, Chief Deputy; Mr. Jack Garvin and Ms. Gigi Rigsby

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Chairman Kessler gave the invocation. Chairman Kessler led the Pledge to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Kessler called for a motion to approve the agenda as read. Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda as read. Vice Chairman Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kessler stated if anyone would like to discuss an Agenda Item, they may do so when said item is presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Kessler explained all documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER# 6 WITH RIVES E. WORRELL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (01):

Community Relations Director Kobek reviewed a timeline of approvals by the Board for the project, which included projection numbers. Total cost for the Jail portion of the project is projected at \$14,482,940.75. Total cost for the Sheriff's Office is projected to come in at \$1,977,127. Total cost for the Sheriff's Office and Jail work is anticipated at \$16,460,067.75.

There was a discussion among the Board and Staff regarding the estimates on the cost for construction.

Sheriff McDuffie spoke in favor of completing the project as soon as possible. Sheriff McDuffie explained some of the current conditions of the existing building and the various locations of departments.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Change Order# 6 and to fund the remaining portion of the project. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A QUOTE AND ISSUE A SERVICES CONTRACT TO MODERN BUSINESS FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW JAIL FURNITURE (01):

Community Relations Director Kobek explained furniture is needed for the jail after its completion. Seating for the lobby and community rooms is needed, as well as desk and side chairs for booking and medical staff. A request for quote to furnish and install new jail furniture was issued and posted on the ECBOC website, the Georgia Procurement Registry website and the Georgia Local Government Access Website. Responses were received from: Casilano Designs, Colorado; Modern Business, Savannah; and Commercial Furnishings, Macon. The bid results, lowest to highest were: Casilano Designs \$25,624.00, Modern Business \$25,900.71, Commercial Furnishing's \$27,382.32.

Casilano Designs is located in Colorado and will send the furniture with installers. They will not send a company representative, and the County will have to handle any warranty issues or damaged furniture issues directly with the manufacturers.

Staff does not recommend approving the entire furniture cost. Chairs for the community room seating can be purchased from a local vendor at a lesser cost. The new quote would be \$18,608.23.

County Attorney Pavlis stated some language dealing with insurance requirements that did not apply was removed from the contract.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$18,608.23 as recommended by Staff. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve \$3,500.00 for community room seating as recommended by Staff. Vice Chairman Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A QUOTE AND ISSUE A SERVICES CONTRACT TO FURNISH AND INSTALL VIDEO AND DATA WIRING AT THE JAIL EXPANSION (02):

Community Relations Director Kobek explained the administrative data cabling is not a part of the general contractors scope of work, this work is the County's responsibility. The purchasing office placed this work out for bid, and we received 5 responses. A request for quote to furnish and install video and data wiring for the jail project was issued and posted on the ECBOC website, Georgia Procurement Registry website, Georgia Local Government Access Website, and advertised in the Effingham Herald and the Savannah Morning News.

Preliminary responses were received from: Quality Communications, Inc.; Encore Technology Group, LLC; Innovative Services, LLC; Aiken Harper and Ace Electric, Inc. A mandatory pre-award meeting was scheduled to determine

specifications, which was attended by Quality Communications, Aiken Harper and Ace Electric.

Bids were received from all vendors attending the mandatory pre-award meeting and were, lowest to highest: Aiken Harper \$52,951.00 – 45 days to complete, Quality Communications \$61,564.00 – 45 days to complete, Ace Electric \$69,171.00 – 45 days to complete.

There was a discussion among the Board and Staff about the numbers and various service providers.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a contract with Aiken Harper and give staff flexibility to provide the notice to proceed on which way to go with the video distribution package. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:35 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel, property and pending litigation. Vice Chairman Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:11 pm, Commissioner Loper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


WENDALL KESSLER, CHAIRMAN


STEPHANIE JOHNSON, COUNTY CLERK