

Commissioner Meeting
June 2nd, 2014 8:00 a.m.

Present: John Richards, Rick Nobbe

Minutes were approved with one correction. Claims were approved as presented.

Highway Superintendent Mark Mohr reported that issues with the relocation of utilities on Bridge 2 have now been resolved. Currently, a July 7th closure is anticipated and it will be posted two weeks prior. Honda has been notified due to the high volume of traffic generated by their location.

Bridge 124 has a bid opening scheduled at 8:30 at today's meeting. The county portion of work has been completed in anticipation of the bid letting.

Requests for Proposals on the rehabilitation project for Bridge 168 were received and noted officially at this meeting. Mr. Mohr reported that he and Commissioner Richards need a third person to be on the scoring committee.

Submitting proposals for engineering on Bridge 168 were:

Strand Associates
Butler, Fairman and Seufert
United Consulting
CHA
Burgess & Niple

Mr. Nobbe asked Mr. Mohr about his progress on getting quotes for the equipment needed by the highway department. Mr. Mohr relayed the results of his efforts at this point.

Linda Simmons and Mike Trabel, representing the Decatur County Memorial Hospital appeared before the Commissioners to request support in the funding of another ambulance. Mr. Trabel gave specific data concerning the current ambulances and the ask was for enough money to remount an existing box onto a new chassis. The quote for a Ford E450 chassis was \$119,575. If a 2014 chassis isn't available, the quote will raise a few hundred dollars for a 2015 model. There was much discussion about the number of ambulances necessary, staffing issues and other topics. Mr. Nobbe pointed out that the request was timely for funding for the 2015 budget because the highway department has requests for some more immediate equipment needs. Mr. Nobbe requested a hardcopy of a summary of the needs for inclusion in the 2015 budget requests. Currently, the ambulance they wish to replace is in the shop needing repair work and has had numerous instances where it has had mechanical issues. There are currently 5 ambulances operational. Mr. Richards asked for Mr. Trabel to put together a list of ambulances, their year and the mileage they have on them. Mr. Nobbe asked about the turnaround time if an order is placed now and whether payment could be deferred into the next budget year. Mr. Trabel will check on those items.

Mr. Nobbe reported that Stan Schoettmer has performed a preliminary mold inspection in the air circulating in the courthouse. After repairs are completed in the building, another test will be held inside and outside the building. Test results will be documented and on file in the courthouse.

The City and County have been working together on getting the landscaping done around the square, particularly along Broadway and everyone seemed pleased with the results. There is a maintenance plan.

Mr. Nobbe inquired about a date for basement clean up. Ms. Wenning reported that there is an ongoing effort funded by the Clerk to review and clean up records recently returned to the courthouse from an offsite storage site.

Mr. Nobbe asked the Mayor if his calendar would allow him to be present at the June 4th Area Plan meeting. The Mayor indicated he would be in attendance.

A discussion of leaks was held. It is believed that the roof repairs are complete and so far, no new leaks have been reported.

Mr. Nobbe moved to close bidding on Bridge 124. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Duncan Robertson bid \$397,922.10
Force Construction Company \$332,199.58
Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. \$416,940.70
Paul H. Rohe Company \$335,226.00

Ms. Polanski verified bid amounts, bid bonds, Forms 96, non-collusion paperwork, financial statements and knowledge of the addendum were present. Force Construction did not indicate knowledge of the addendum but the numbers seemed to indicate knowledge. Mr. May requested not releasing the bid yet and Mr. Mohr requested an additional ½ hour to review the numbers and possibly award the contract afterwards.

Possible creation of specifications for the security system was discussed.

Mr May returned and stated that he does have an e-mail confirmation that Force Construction had received the addendum and had used the new figures in their estimate. It was then recommended that the Commissioners accept the bid from Force Construction. Mr. Nobbe moved that the bid be awarded to Force Construction for \$332,199.58. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion carried. The commissioners agreed that Mr. May could issue the "Notice of Award" to the contractor. The Auditor's office brought three copies to be signed.

Mr. Nobbe moved to recess and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Meeting recessed. Commissioners will meet again on Monday, June 16th, 2014.

Jerome Buening, President

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Date _____