

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting minutes of Thursday, March 15, 2006

Members:

Mary Neal	Jason Bergeron
Larry Barrett	Jeff Brooks, absent
Chris Gagnon	Al Rickheit, absent
R. Lincoln Stiles	Phil Esposito, absent
Gail Dumont	

Guests:

Curtis Edgin, Caola & Bieniek Assoc. Inc.
Dave Lager & Tom Kondel, NETCO

Distributions to committee:

- ❖ Filed Sub-Bid Results 2-28-07
- ❖ General Bid Results 3-13-07
- ❖ Recent e-mails from Curtis Edgin, Architect
- ❖ Latest Cost and Revenue Sheet and e-mails from Kevin Paicos, TA

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by Chris Gagnon, Committee Chairman. Committee was brought up to date in regards to the filed sub-bids. There were thirteen sub-bids in sixteen trades. There was only one bid for the acoustical ceiling and no bids for the elevator. The elevator will now fall under the general's bid and the acoustical ceiling will go out to bid one more time as Curtis felt the bid was too high. The all important bid opening for the general contractor was held on March 13, 2007. There were eight bids opened. They ranged in price from \$5,565,000 to the lowest bid coming in at \$4,748,258. These are base bid prices. Adding all the alternates into the base, B.W. Construction, Spencer, MA, remains the lowest bidder. Curtis did his due diligence in background checks on the company and reviewed all the required paperwork. Committee discussed all our options for awarding the bid and how it should read. After reviewing the latest cost and revenue sheet, Chief Barrett asked the committee to ask the BOS to award the bid to B.W. Construction with the understanding that this did not include the Dispatch Center being moved to the new facility or any of the five alternates. The committee will be coming forward with alternates. A motion was made by Mary Neal, to recommend to the BOS, to award the bid to B.W. Construction. The motion was seconded by Jason Bergeron. Committee voted in favor.

Discussion ensued as to how we could fund the dispatch being moved to the new facility and how to add in the alternates. Possibilities were an option to add dispatch, an option to add dispatch and APD and AFD lockers and an option to add the previous and the additional cells. The training room and block front on the building were discussed as options to possibly do at a later date after the project was completed with Monty Tech students at a lower price. Dave Lager warned about cutting too much money away from the contingency fund. Funding, FF & E and contingency monies all have to be discussed further in great length. Committee acknowledges that the base bid still does not provide for enough funding left to complete the project for both APD and AFD and Dispatch Center to work to their potential and meet their needs moving into the future.

Chris informed the committee that he had written letters to various boards in town asking for waivers for permit fees. The Water and Sewer Dept. replied with a no. Committee discussed going to the Water and

Sewer Dept. as a group and appealing their answer. This will be discussed further.

Committee was presented with several invoices to be reviewed, discussed and voted on for payment. The forced-main sewer system incorporated in the rebid, along with the existing conditions / survey plans reflecting the new paved areas, was billed at \$8,303. Printing of the construction bid documents was billed at \$8,688. The redesign of the construction bid documents was billed at \$62,000. The bidding process of the contracts was billed at \$18,000. After our review, Lincoln made a motion to approve invoices as presented for payment and Jason seconded the motion. Committee voted in favor.

Holden Sand and Gravel has not complied with all the requirements at the site to satisfy the committee. There are still wetland issues and several punch list items left undone. Committee discussed Holden Sand and Gravel's bond and is not releasing it any time soon.

Mary made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the BOS office.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Dumont