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Carroll County Commissioners Meeting

Minutes

December 28, 2011

Commissioners Present: David Sorensen, Dorothy Solomon, Asha Kenney

Representatives: David Babson

Public: Maureen Spencer, Henry Spencer, Daymond Steer

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Representative Babson: Human Resource is looking at our Family Medical Leave numbers as cause of those issues that drive up the over-time.

Randy Remick and Jim Kimball - BPS

Commissioner Sorensen had requested that BPS address this meeting to discuss their bid proposal of \$375,000.00 to hook up the pellet stoves. A copy of this proposal is on file. He noted that the original bid was for \$300,000.00

Randy Remick explained that the additional \$75,000.00 was as a result of the Davis Bacon and Related Acts which requires all contractors and subcontractors performing work on federal contracts or federally assisted contracts in excess of \$2,000, to pay their laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits for corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on similar projects in the area. The prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits are determined by the Secretary of Labor for inclusion in covered contracts.

In addition to the Davis Bacon Act itself, Congress added Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions to approximately 60 laws—"related Acts"—under which federal agencies assist construction projects through grants, loans, loan guarantees, and insurance. Generally, the application of prevailing wage requirements to projects receiving federal assistance under any particular "related" Act depends on the provisions of that law. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sorensen: Is \$375,000.00 a fixed package to do the work involved?

Randy: Three-fourths of the job is technical. Denron Plumbing/Heating and Consolidated Electric of NH are the same sub-contractors that worked on the system in the new building; there needs to be continuity.

Commissioner Sorensen: If we had a separate building, would it be \$200,000.00 for the electrical work?

Randy: This is all integrated, pumps, controls. etc.

Commissioner Sorensen: If you were awarded this job, when could you start? Randy: Almost immediately.

Commissioner Sorensen: Charlie Agnew called me and wants to move up the delivery date for the pellet furnaces to early January. Randy: The asbestos company would have to notify DES, we would need licensure, air-test and so on.

Commissioner Kenney: You said \$300,000.00 and it increased to \$375,000.00, because of Davis-Bacon? How long is maintenance?

Randy: Probably a year. Commissioner Sorensen: When could we see it finished? When would we see this project in operation? Randy replied, not before six to eight weeks, and at least three months up and running.

Commissioner Kenney: How long is maintenance on equipment? Randy: That would be up to Charlie Agnew, Biomass.

Henry: Who would assume liability? Randy: BPS would.

Commissioner Solomon: Senator Shaheen has been very helpful in the past; maybe she can get us a waiver from the Davis-Bacon provisions.

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Further in-depth discussion ensued regarding what entails "general costs" and exclusions/clarifications. Commissioner Sorensen: Denron will provide the air compressors.

Commissioner Sorensen: I do not like the price of \$375, 000, 00, but that is the only bid we have received. A question that comes up from the Delegation, is could we heat the jail with that system?

Randy: I think cost of piping the system to the jail would out- weigh any savings.

Commissioner Sorensen: We have approval to fix the jail wall. We will send out bid specifications to get the interior wall fixed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sorensen: The Delegation approved 1 million dollar to the old nursing home. Randy: We were 1.2 million for construction, \$500,000.00 to take down four walls, and \$500,000.00 to renovate.

Commissioner Solomon: If we were to mothball and at a future time due renovations, would the walls have to come down? Randy: Not a significant impact. Commissioner Sorensen: I see it as a tax for the County of \$500.000,00.

Maureen Spencer: We made the new nursing home smaller to keep the cost down to the taxpayer. To add the cost of taking down wings is unnecessary.

Commissioner Sorensen: Is there a need for an architect here?

Randy: You really need an architect; there is too much liability with out it. Design fees are 5% of whatever we do.

Commissioner Sorensen: All-Ways Wrecking gave an estimate of \$112,548.00 for removal of four walls and asbestos. That did not include filling in of the walls.

Commissioner Sorensen: We need to have some guidelines to propose to the Delegation. Thank you, Randy and Jim; we will take this under advisement today.

Commissioner Sorensen: We are in a hard place. Commissioner Solomon: If there has been a drastic change in Davis Bacon it may increase more the longer we do not act.

Commissioner Kenney: I think we need competitive bidding. Commissioner Sorensen: We could put it on the Dodge Project Report for one week.

Kathy Garry: If we put this out for bid now, it will be on their site tomorrow.

Jerry Gagne Maintenance for the Administration Building

Jerry: The windmill readings show the data to be low, 2.5 when it should be 5. I don't think the windmill is in the right place. Our windy area seems to be down in the Complex. We would need someone to come and take it down and the cost would be \$250.00. The subject of solar panels was discussed.

Commissioner Sorensen

- There is an open position for a Director of Nursing. Cheryl Delisle will be leaving 1/31/12.
- Eggs And Issues: How Your County Dollars Are Being Spent. Business Leaders' Breakfast, sponsored by the Mt, Washington Valley Economic Council, at 8:30 a.m. with a program from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Technology Village in Conway.
- Hales Location Budget Meeting, New Nursing Home Building, on January 11, 2012 1 pm.

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Commissioner Sorensen: We have \$400,000,00 from a Federal grant to purchase the pellet stoves on the complex to be able to feed energy to two buildings, the new home and the annex. To put up a structure for the boilers would cost \$200,000,00 plus another \$200,000,00 for the electrical hook-ups. And where would we put laundry and maintenance? Commissioner Solomon: We have to do what we planned to do.

Commissioner Kenney: I would like to table the minutes until I can read them.

Commissioner Sorensen: I need the subcommittee of the Jail to consider an additional perimeter fence. There was an incident where someone from the outside approached a female inmate's window. There was no perimeter fence around that area or around the women's exercise yard.

I have asked Jason to come up with a set of priorities for the Jail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Twyon Recording Secretary