

Minutes of the Rutherford County Public Building Authority

September 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse, Room 205

Members Present

Mike Picklesimer
Leslie Smith, Jr.
Dow Smith
Scott Porterfield
Stan Vaught

Others Present

Mayor Burgess
Bricke Murfree
Jerry Preston
Ken Swann
John Thayer

John Cheney
Don Coccious
Jim Kerr
Mark O'Neal
Kevin Hall
Randy Gibson
Kenny Cathey
Adam Nicholson
Amanda Larkins

Chairman Michael Picklesimer presided and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with 5 (five) members being present at that time.

Minutes –“Mr. Leslie Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Vaught, to approve the August 14, 2014 PBA minutes as written. This motion passed by acclamation.”

Judicial Building – Mr. Preston distributed a handout regarding the architect shortlist. He gave details on how he performed the evaluation for each of the companies. He formed four “preferred team structure elements” and notated how each company rated and listed concerns for each company as well. With all the information, Mr. Preston advised he would recommend interviewing Gresham, Smith & Partners, Kline Swinney Associates and Thomas, Miller and Partners. Mr. Vaught inquired how long the interviews will last and Mr. Picklesimer replied about 45 minutes with a 15 minute break between each. Mr. Dow Smith inquired if they would be scheduling site visits and Mr. Picklesimer replied they could look at that after they made the shortlist. After much discussion, the Board agreed they would prefer to interview five companies. Following discussion:

“Mr. Vaught moved, seconded by Mr. Leslie Smith, to interview Gresham, Smith & Partners, Kline Swinney Associates and Thomas, Miller and Partners. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Mr. Picklesimer advised there were two slots open for interviews. Following discussion:

“Mr. Vaught moved, seconded by Mr. Dow Smith, to also interview Goodwin, Mills & Cawood, DLR Group and RJ Heery Design. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Mr. Murfree addressed the Board and advised some issues had arisen regarding an employee of RJ Heery design. According to the Clarksville website there are some allegations that one of the employees has been charged with a felony offense. Mr. Murfree advised that, though charges have been filed, it does not mean this person was actually convicted. He has not pulled the court file on this matter, but can bring more information if it is needed. Mr. Murfree advised it may be in the County’s best interest to run background checks and credit checks on all of the companies the Board would like to interview. Following discussion:

“Mr. Vaught moved, seconded by Mr. Leslie Smith, to ask legal counsel for the PBA to perform criminal background and credit checks on each of the principles involved in all six of the chosen firms to be interviewed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

The Board agreed to meet on September 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to interview the six firms.

Mr. Preston distributed a handout regarding the timeline/schedule of the project and advised this was the first attempt at the schedule and dates will obviously change some. The schedule is an overview look of the entire project. Mr. Preston advised it was important to keep pace and keep approvals flowing within this timeframe. He will be providing an updated schedule each month. He feels confident the schedule can be improved upon.

Other Business – NONE

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Picklesimer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

MICHAEL PICKLESIMER, CHAIRMAN