

**Minutes of the Rutherford County Public Building Authority**

September 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.  
Historic Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom

**Members Present**

Mike Picklesimer  
Leslie Smith, Jr.  
Dow Smith  
Jim Bailey  
Steven Waldron  
Scott Porterfield  
Stan Vaught

**Others Present**

Mayor Burgess  
Bricke Murfree  
Ken Swann  
Jerry Preston  
Rudy Johnson  
Tiffany Adams  
Benjamin Hattenburg

James C. Sloan  
Jimmy R. Highers  
Bryant Griffin  
Mary Johnson  
Tim Smith  
Jim Fuller  
Rick Davidson

Michael Keeshon, Daniel Tansey, Mike Thomas, Cliff Woodard, Amanda Larkins

Chairman Michael Picklesimer presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members being present at that time.

Interviews for Architect Position – The Board conducted an interview with Goodwin, Mills & Cawood from 9:00 a.m. until 9:46 a.m. and took a short recess until 10:00 a.m. The Board conducted an interview with Thomas, Miller and Partners from 10:00 a.m. until 10:48 a.m. and took a short recess until 11:00 a.m. The Board conducted an interview with Gresham Smith from 11:00 a.m. until 11:58 a.m. and took a lunch break until 1:00 p.m. The Board conducted an interview with DLR Group from 1:00 p.m. until 1:55 p.m. and took a short recess until 2:09 p.m. The Board conducted an interview with Kline Swinney Associates from 2:09 p.m. until 2:57 p.m.

Chairman Picklesimer opened the floor for discussion regarding the interviews and advised they could vote or wait for the information regarding change orders that Mr. Bailey requested from each firm. Mr. Thomas distributed a matrix sorting out each firm. Mr. Preston highlighted the strengths and weaknesses he felt each firm possessed.

Mr. Vaught inquired what the PBA's function is and Mr. Picklesimer replied the PBA's role is to be a tie breaker when issues arise; decide what is a need and what is a want; and to assemble the team working on this project.

Mr. Preston advised he was concerned about each firms' ability to put documents together. He advised Gresham Smith was the only firm that included a third party to coordinate the documents.

Mr. Dow Smith stated he would like for everyone to rate each firm from 1-5 with 1 being the first pick and 5 being the last. The results of the vote were as follows: Gresham, Thomas Miller, Goodwin Mills Cawood, Kline Swinney, and DLR. Following discussion:

“Mr. Vaught moved, seconded by Mr. Leslie Smith, to start negotiations with Gresham Smith for the architect position. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation.”

Mayor Burgess thanked the Board for its dedication to this project.

Other Business – NONE

There being no further business at this time, Chairman Picklesimer declared the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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MICHAEL PICKLESIMER, CHAIRMAN