

Minutes of the Rutherford County Public Building Authority

October 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse, Room 205

Members Present

Mike Picklesimer
Leslie Smith, Jr.
Jim Bailey
Steve Waldron

Others Present

Mayor Burgess	Randy Gibson
Bricke Murfree	Steve Johnson
Jerry Preston	John Thayer
Ken Swann	Amanda Larkins

Chairman Michael Picklesimer presided and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. with 4 (four) members being present at that time.

Judicial Building – Mr. Preston distributed a letter from Gresham Smith and Partners regarding fee negotiations and advised Gresham Smith and Partners has proposed a lump sum fee of \$3,775,000.00 which will include any packages and schedule for demolition, garbage and environmental work needed for the site. Mr. Steve Johnson with Gresham Smith and Partners went over the method used for coming up with the proposed fee. He compared this project to the state fee curved and mad adjustments for job complexity. This fee also includes the building of a mock up court room so adjustments can be made prior to construction. Mr. Preston advised this fee is all inclusive so there will be no issues of additional costs. Mr. Preston opened the floor for questions. Mr. Picklesimer inquired if the cost estimator and document review was a third party and Mr. Johnson replied yes they were both third party companies. Mr. Bailey inquired if it was necessary for a third party cost estimator while having contractor and Mr. Preston replied it was best to have two people keeping up with the numbers.

“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 with Board Members Picklesimer, Leslie Smith, Porterfield and Vaught voting “yes” and Board Member Dow Smith voting “no”.”

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