

PROPERTY, BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

March 10, 2014

The Property, Building and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, March 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room, located on the Third Floor of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Tom Crofton, Carol Clausius and Gaylord Deets. Dave Turk and Lew Van Vliet were absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; and Patrick Cleary, Cameron Aslaksen Architects, LLC.

Committee Chairman Crofton called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by either mail or email to all Property Committee members, a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer and a copy was sent by email to WRCO.

Motion by Clausius, second by Deets to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairman Crofton explained that the Property Committee had voted at their March 5th meeting to reject the bid received from Badger Environmental and Earthworks, Inc. for the courthouse perimeter drainage improvements. The Committee would now like to rebid that project with modified bid specs. Cameron Aslaksen Architects, LLC has presented Contract Amendment # 1 for their services to revise the bid specs and rebid the project. Corporation Counsel Southwick advised that a resolution would be needed for approval of the Contract Amendment. Motion by Clausius, second by Deets directing Corporation Counsel Southwick to prepare a resolution for approval of Contract Amendment # 1 to the Courthouse Facility Improvements Contract with Cameron Aslaksen Architects, LLC. Motion carried.

Patrick Cleary reviewed what had happened on bid opening day for the historic jail window/door sealing project. No bids were received by the deadline. Of the two bids received after the deadline, the apparent low bidder was contacted and asked to clarify his bid. Corporation Counsel Southwick responded that he would promptly research the question and give an opinion as to whether or not the project must be rebid. Motion by Clausius, second by Deets that, if the opinion is that the low bid can be accepted that a resolution be presented for approval of the bid, and if the opinion is that the bids cannot be accepted that the project be rebid. Motion carried.

Chairman Crofton introduced the concept of having "Construction Management" of the courthouse projects. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that the concept is acceptable as long as there are no financial ties between the architect and the contractor. Corporation Counsel Southwick also noted that the Supreme Court has the authority to set rules and regulations in relation to security surrounding court operations.

Motion by Clausius, second by Deets to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk