

The Banks County Commissioners held a called meeting on October 16, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room in the Banks County courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Courthouse/Annex Guaranteed Maximum price from Turner Construction concerning steel and site preparation and to consider RFQ's from engineering firms concerning water. Those present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Also present were Finance Officer Randy Failyer, Administrative Officer Angela Sheppard and Scott Edwards with Turner Construction as well as citizens Allen Coggins, Blaine Tarnecki, Tim Garner and Lou Sokowoski.

Ch. Hart called the meeting to order.

1. Courthouse/Annex Steel & Site Preparation Guaranteed Maximum Price

Scott Edwards stated in order to proceed with construction of the project before design is complete, a component GMP would need to be approved. Component GMP #1 for steel and site preparation is in the amount of \$1,672,055 which is \$11,079 under the original projected budget. The total projected budget for the entire project was originally \$7,866,224 and will be reduced to \$7,855,145. The current budget includes alternate options #1, #2 and #4 which includes the road, parking lots, turnaround and landscaping. It does not include furnishings, voice data, security, audio/video and architectural fees. Mr. Edwards stated a groundbreaking will be held soon. The expected move-in date for the Annex is June 2008 and the expected move-in date for the Courthouse is December 2008. Ms. Sheppard stated the next GMP would be the final GMP for the remainder of the project on approximately November 21st. Comm. Cain made a motion to approve the GMP #1 in the amount of \$1,672,055. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Windmill Farm Youth Hunt

Ch. Hart stated there would have to be some research completed toward insurance coverage on the property before the Youth Hunt could be allowed. He stated he would have the county attorney check into this and it would be considered at the October 23, 2007 meeting.

2. Engineering Firm Request For Qualification's – Water

Ms. Sheppard stated they had received 16 RFQ's from engineering firms as follows:

Ben Turnipseed Engineers
Carter & Sloope Consulting Engineers
Golder Associates Inc.
Halcrow
Infratec Consultants, Inc.
Ingram & Associates, Consulting Engineers, LLC
Integrated Science & Engineering
Jordon Jones & Goulding
Keck & Wood, Inc.
Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc.
O'Brien & Gere, Schnabel Engineering
PBS&J
Precision Planning, Inc.
Rindt-McDuff Associates
Stevenson & Palmer Engineering, Inc.
S.L. King & Associates, Inc.

After review of the firms and some discussion, all agreed with the following short list of firms to be interviewed in the October 23, 2007 meeting:

Carter & Sloope Consulting Engineers
PBS&J
Jordon Jones & Goulding
Rindt-McDuff Associates
Ben Turnipseed Engineers

3. Adjournment

Comm. Cain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Comm. Barefoot seconded. Two aye votes and motion carried.

Chairman

County Clerk