

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND JAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 25th, 2011

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Building, Grounds and Jail Committee was held on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011 at the Chippewa County Courthouse Annex in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman McLean called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don McLean, Jim Moore and Ted Postula

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: George Kinsella, Jesse Knoll, Jon Zander, Bob Van Putten, Bob Ware, U.P. Engineer, Steve Morley, Marc Jacques, Todd Albert, Randy McGahey, and Kelly Church, Recorder – Jim German via phone

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

The Committee discussed adding an additional Public Comment following the agenda items.

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Postula, to approve the agenda with an addition of G1 – Public Comment. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

Public Comments

Jesse Knoll briefly addressed the Committee regarding his perception of the project and his disappointment in the process specifically the addendums; and the importance of using local contractors. George Kinsella added that he had spoke with two contractors that were too busy to bid the job. Don McLean briefly addressed the meeting attendees explaining the voting process and that there were only three voting members in attendance.

City/County Building Project

No motions were made during the discussion of the City/County Building Project. Five local contractors who did not bid on the project attended the meeting. The contractors were upset with the Design/Build and thought the Commission should have gone with a General Contractor and the Gundlach Champion has the upper hand since they can bid their own project. Bonding was also discussed at length with different issues for each contractor. Jon Zander and Bob Van Putten provided a post bid addendum to the Committee that has items with potential changes to the project – which could reduce the bottom line by \$648,534 – which means currently the total project would still be at \$2,534,281. Jon and Bob also discussed the issues with the mechanical and electrical addendums and how the Design exceeded the intent of the project. The Commissioners questioned the addendums that were released; the performance bonding; canceling the whole project and the cost of canceling. Additional questions of who owns the Design if the project if canceled – per the Contract Landmark owns the copy write to the Design. Discussions also included changing the scope of the project and the timing of the project. A follow up meeting will be scheduled in which Gunlach Champion and Landmark Design have been asked to come up with recommendations at no cost to the County which may include re-bidding to get the project back inline financially.

Committee and Chairperson's Comments

None

Public Comment

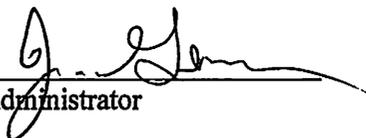
Randy McGahey stated he would not be bidding on the project and that a lot of taxes are paid by the local contractors; Marc Jacques believes that Gundlach Champion has the upper hand and the Design Build is *not* the way to proceed. Todd Albert indicated that the Bid Addendums were unclear and not enough time. Steve Morley indicated he hoped the Commission learned from this.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to adjourn the meeting. On

a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Chairman McLean declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Jim German, Administrator



Don McLean, Committee Chairman