



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

June 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sizemore at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Gunn, Irwin, Ouimet, Ping, Lovejoy Roe, Schwartz, and Sizemore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Bergman, Grewal, Peterson, and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:: Verna McDaniel, Deputy County Administrator; Judge Tabbey, 14A District Court; Ken Schrader, ITS; Gordon Burger, Jim Zwolensky, Support Services; Daniel Minzey, County Sheriff; Kerry Sheldon, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Discussion Items:

The jail renovation and expansion update was presented (On file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Gunn asked about parking access to the LLRC through St. Luke's. Zwolensky stated that during construction, the St. Luke's Drive will continue to be used as well as parking in that area. He added that communication will be passed to all entities in the complex. Comm. Gunn asked about the LEED Certification. It was reported that the building has been registered with intention to certify the building. Zwolensky stated that registration for the project is \$500 to \$600.

Comm. Ping asked about working with local contractors. It was reported that advertisements are being prepared that will go out to the Washtenaw Contractors Association.

Comm. Ouimet asked how much of the project costs are for digging down before going up. It was reported that site conditions are the unknowns, but added that extensive study has been done. The consultant added that there are contingencies in place. Comm. Ouimet stated that when coming out of the ground it is nice to know where the project is at cost wise. It was reported that a bid time period would be the end of July until the end of October. The price of building materials was also discussed. Zwolensky reported that the Saline Court bids are due tomorrow. Comm. Ouimet asked how complexity can be evaluated and reflected in bids. It was reported that this project will be separated into 26 different bid categories.

Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about the process of the bids. She asked about the competition between bidders on specific elements of the project such as heating/cooling. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about competition in the labor market. She also asked about change orders because of the gearing toward specific trades. It was reported that the goal is to minimize trade orders. The consultants also reported that the biggest unknown is often in the foundation. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked if there is any advantage about letting bidders know in advance. It was reported that there is already a lot of interest and a list is already getting started. Comm. Lovejoy Roe asked about going with brick

on the wall. It was reported that often stainless steel is more expensive, and may be for purposes of the fence. Zwolensky reported that the design team felt that the masonry wall was a better aesthetic option.

Comm. Schwartz asked about how long the documents will be out before bids are opened. Zwolensky reported that Tower Pinkster feels that a six week period would be adequate for a project this size. Comm. Schwartz asked how long before construction begins on the site. It was reported that in southern Michigan, many parts of construction can carry into the winter. Comm. Schwartz thanked all involved for their participation.

Comm. Sizemore asked how our jail would match up to other County jails with similar populations. Zwolensky reported that he believes that the dollars were an average of \$247/sq. ft. and added that the County is right in the ballpark. Comm. Sizemore asked about future expansions and placing valves and stems in place in case other housing units were needed. Zwolensky reported that two things that have been done include a large intake/release area. Comm. Sizemore asked about the roofing system. Zwolensky reported that it would be a single ply system. Comm. Sizemore asked about a percentage plugged in to contingencies for jobs. It was reported that this amount varies on different projects. The consultant added that it could go down to as low as 2% once the project gets out of the ground. Comm. Sizemore asked Judge Tabbey his feelings on the project. Tabbey reported that he is very happy with the project at this point. Minzey reported that he has been extremely happy with this process and the way that it has gone. Comm. Sizemore stated that he is impressed with the project and thanked all involved.

County Administrator's Report

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

None

Pending

None

Citizen Participation

Tom Partridge stated that it is upsetting to see simultaneous projects taking place in the County.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

Comm. Schwartz reported that Washtenaw County coordinates with many municipalities on many projects.

Adjournment

Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Ouimet moved to adjourn until Thursday, August 7th, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Rolland Sizemore, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register

By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: 07/02/08