

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the Conference Room of the Lee County Courthouse on January 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman
Sidney Kolb
Larry Mosley
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Slemp, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator
Gary Parsons, Sheriff
Dick Houchins, Thompson and Litton

OTHERS ABSENT: Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant
Stacy Munsey, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

PARKING LOT PROJECT

Mr. Houchins, Thompson and Litton, stated that Thompson and Litton is willing to provide any type of service the County may need, but the way the Design Build process is written it would not be ideal for doing a parking lot. This project would be a two stage qualification process where you would solicit qualifications from contractors, select contractors that are qualified, and then those would be solicited to prepare a design build proposal. Right now, contractors are so busy it is difficult to get anyone to bid the project. There would need to be preliminary proposals just to get this project started.

Mr. Slemp entered the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Mr. Poe stated that design build could produce savings but that is typically seen on multi-million dollar projects.

Mr. Houchins stated that the advantage of design build is to put together a team in the beginning that works with the owner to come up with the most efficient way to do a project. On this parking lot there are not a lot of options on how the project could be done.

Mr. Leonard asked what Thompson and Litton's fee would be for this project.

Mr. Houchins stated that was given to the Board in September.

Mr. Kolb asked if the price would cheaper for a design build.

Mr. Houchins stated that the fee to be the advisor would be cheaper than being the project engineer.

Mr. Kolb asked for an amount for being an advisor.

Mr. Houchins stated that it would be less than \$10,000.00.

Mr. Leonard asked the cost of the original proposal.

Mr. Houchins stated that the proposal was in the amount of \$28,329.00 for the project, but if bidding and construction administration was not provided the proposal was \$20,803.00.

Mr. Kolb asked for a quote for design build.

The Chairman called a recess to go view the proposed parking lot area.

The meeting was called back to order.

Mr. Kolb stated that he would rather give the project to a Lee County company than to a Wise County Engineer, so he prefers to proceed with the design build.

Mr. Leonard stated that it would take the same amount of time either way.

Mr. Poe stated that it depends on how quickly the contractor's engineer could put a plan together.

Mr. Leonard stated he does not have a problem moving forward with this plan.

Mr. Poe stated that per state requirements the project has to be put out for pre-qualifications of contractors. Once those are submitted a committee would select the contractors that are qualified and only those selected would be able to bid the project.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to enter Closed Session pursuant to 2.2-3711 A.1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body, and 2.23711 A.29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

Mr. Slemp left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to exit Closed Session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a Certification by this Lee County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted within Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Closed Meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to enter into a contract with Thompson and Litton for design build advisory services at a fee not to exceed the amount discussed in closed session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

ARPA FUNDING

Mr. Poe stated that the Fire Department request has been adjusted to a lesser number of air packs requested, which results in a total cost of \$757,469.00.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to approve the purchase of 100 air packs for the Fire Departments as requested in the amount of \$757,469.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

Mr. Poe stated that The Community Services Board submitted a request to provide an annual bonus for four years to Frontier Health Employees that provide Behavioral Health Services.

Mr. Mosley suggested doing this year by year starting with the current year in the amount of \$85,000.00 and look at it again next year.

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Smith, to provide a retention bonus to the Frontier Health Employees contracted by Planning District One Behavioral Health in the amount of \$85,000.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

VOTING NO: Mr. Kolb

Mr. Mosley stated that the Town of St. Charles was appropriated \$100,000.00 in ARPA Fund and asked if the County would receive the funds if the Town's Charter was revoked.

Mr. Poe stated that all Towns were allocated funds, but there is no Town Council at the Town of St. Charles to accept it.

Mr. Slemph entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Poe gave an update on the PSA projects in priority order. The Giles Hollow project is ready to be re-bid and is construction ready; the Blackwater project is projected to go to advertisement in August with a potential shortfall of \$800,000.00; the Maple Hill Community Water Project is projected to advertise in November with a potential \$100,000.00 shortfall; the St. Charles Water Line Replacement Project is projected to go to bid in June with a potential shortfall of over \$1,100,000.00; and the Fields Water Line project will go to bid in February with a potential shortfall of \$250,000.00.

Mr. Mosley suggested taking these projects one at a time when they go to bid.

There was discussion on Thomas Walker Rescue Squad's request for a new auto loader stretcher.

It was moved by Mr. Smith to approve the request from Thomas Walker Rescue Squad for the auto loader stretcher.

Mr. Kolb asked if the Rescue Squad has tried to obtain grant money for the purchase.

Mr. Smith stated that he was told the squad would try to get the money.

Mr. Leonard stated that they need to pursue the grant first.

Mr. Smith withdrew his motion.

Mr. Kolb stated that Lee Farmers Coop building has been run into six or seven times and requested that VDOT look at that curve to see what could be done.

Mr. Poe stated he would contact VDOT and ask that they look at it.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to enter Closed Session pursuant to 2.2-3711 A.3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

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VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Kolb, to recess to February 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

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