

A special meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Grey Room of the Fayette County Courthouse, 61 East Main Street, Uniontown PA.

In attendance-

Commissioner Scott Dunn
Commissioner Dave Lohr
Commissioner Vince Vicites
Chief Clerk Amy Revak
Solicitor Jack Purcell

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lohr at 2:02 p.m. He asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer, which was followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

Commissioners

Chief Clerk Revak read the agenda item: Consider awarding a contract for Testing and Inspection services related to the construction of the new Fayette County Prison.

Solicitor Purcell read the following recommendation: Civil and Environmental Consultants of Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh is recommended for the Testing and Inspection Services of the new Fayette County Prison project based on having all local personnel, all qualifications, and experience for all testing and inspection requirements specified for the project. The Testing and Inspections services construction budget amount is \$200,000.00. Recommendation to approve Civil and Environmental Consultants shall be based on the rates provided in the proposal not to exceed the project budget amount. He said that is the recommendation of the construction manager and he also reviewed it and McMillen Engineering reviewed it. He said they have no problems with it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vicites and seconded by Commissioner Lohr to approve Civil and Environmental Consultants of Baldwin Road, Pittsburgh for the Testing and Inspection Services of the new Fayette County Prison project in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, contingent upon receiving approval from USDA Rural Development.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously

Prior to a vote, Commissioner Dunn asked if it was required to be advertised. Solicitor Purcell said it was under professional services, but he was unsure exactly how it was handled. Commissioner Dunn asked if it was required to be advertised. Solicitor Purcell said there is a requirement for open and fair competition. Commissioner Lohr said there were three companies that responded. Solicitor Purcell said they were four. Commissioner Dunn asked how the companies knew to submit proposals. Solicitor Purcell said Rural Development said the lowest proposer would be acceptable. He said there were four, and he gave the names of the those who submitted proposals. He said the construction manager got the proposals and brought them to the board.

Commissioner Dunn asked if Solicitor Purcell was confident of the process and selecting CEC was acceptable. Solicitor Purcell said he is comfortable with the analysis, adding that he was not involved in the selection process. He said what was provided gives adequate justification. Commissioner Dunn said if it has been done improperly, adding that he wasn't saying that, if it isn't professional services, what could be done. Both Commissioners Vicites and Lohr said it is a professional service. Solicitor Purcell said under professional services, they don't have to do anything, but Rural Development has their requirements. He said they could condition approval on having Rural Development sign off on it. Commissioner Vicites said clearly it is professional services and the solicitation was done from companies they county had used previously.

Public comment- None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Vicites to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Dunn yes
Commissioner Lohr yes
Commissioner Vicites yes

Motion passed unanimously