

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 27, 2009
12:00 NOON
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR ES

STAFF ABSENT:

EVELYN LEE, DEP. CLERK TO COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

AMEND THE AGENDA:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AMENDED THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK EQUIPMENT.

APPROVAL OF THE BIDS FOR SIDEWALKS AT THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING;

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE BIDS AND EXPLAINED THAT ONE PORTION OF THE SIDEWALKS NEAR THE HANDICAP PARKING SPACE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL BID SPEC. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE CONTACTED TO LOW BIDDER FOR A PRICE INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL AREA. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE LOW BIDDER WAS THE GREENERY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE GREENERY IS LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY AND THE ORIGINAL BID WAS IN THE AMOUNT \$25,806.24 AND THE PRICE FOR THE EXTRA AREA WAS \$822.80 FOR A TOTAL OF \$26,629.04. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF SIX BIDS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE BID FROM SOUTHERN PAVERS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SOUTHERN PAVERS FELT THAT IT WOULD TAKE MORE BRICK PAVERS THAN WAS SPECIFIED IN THE BID SPECS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO WAS AT FAULT. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE ARCHITECT USED A PROGRAM HE HAS TO CALCULATE WHAT WAS NEEDED AND THAT AMOUNT WAS INCLUDED IN THE BID SPECS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SOUTHERN PAVERS FELT MORE PAVERS WERE NEEDED AND INCLUDED THEM IN THEIR BID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE GREENERY GAVE A BASE PRICE AND HE CONTACTED THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COULD COMPLETE THE JOB FOR THE AMOUNT THEY BID. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF ALL THE BIDDERS WERE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL AREA THAT NEEDED TO HAVE THE PAVERS INSTALLED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE ONLY CONTACTED THE GREENERY SINCE THEY WERE THE LOW BIDDER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE MEASUREMENTS WERE OFF AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID ONLY ONE BIDDER SAID MORE PAVERS WOULD BE NEEDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM THE GREENERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,629.04. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT:

MR MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT MORE COMPUTER SERVERS, NETWORK SWITCHES, AND SOFTWARE WERE NEEDED TO RUN THE NETWORK TO THE NEW BUILDING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY PURCHASES THE EQUIPMENT FROM CDW. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT CDW IS ON THE STATE CONTRACT. MR. MALPHRUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THE COST OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS \$81,269.88 AND THIS AMOUNT WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE FUNDS THAT WERE APPROVED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT A WARRANTY AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WAS A THREE YEAR WARRANTY ON THE EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE WARRANTY ON THE WIRING AND STEVEN MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS A LIFETIME WARRANTY ON A MANUFACTURE'S MALFUNCTION IF THE WIRE GOES BAD. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION

TO APPROVE \$81,269.88 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL COMPUTER SERVERS, NETWORKING SWITCHES, SOFTWARE AND OTHER ITEMS LISTED IN QUOTE BGGM486 FROM CDW. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 12:17 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
VICE CHAIRMAN