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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2022 MEETING

The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on October 25, 2022. Chairman Greg Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with the following commissioners present: Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, and Luke Wernsmann. Dan Jensen had an excused absence. The meeting was broadcasted live on YouTube with a link on the county's Facebook page

The sole item on the agenda was the consideration of the bid received for the renovation of the courthouse elevator.

Randall Hoscheid, P.E. of Pierce & Harris Consulting Engineers (Huron) and custodian Will Page were also present for the meeting.

Hoscheid informed the commission via written letter that:

The only bid for the Court House Elevator Modernization was received from Total Construction Solutions of Fridley, Minnesota in the amount of \$618,800. The contractor has met the requirements in the contract documents.

I recommend the award of the contract to Total Construction Solutions in the amount of \$618,800.

Hoscheid also informed the commission that two modifications were allowed - the first being to allow the remodeling of the mechanical room (on the roof) to be remodeled on the exterior rather than the interior and the second was that the glass wooden panels would be replaced with non-glass panels because there is no source for the glass having a proper fire rating. The commissioners acknowledged the changes.

Page said that he had informed the South Dakota Historical Society of the modifications and their comment was that should the glass panels become available, the county should have them installed.

Commissioner Eschenbaum questioned why the second contractor did not submit a bid for consideration. Hoscheid said that he did not know the answer. Hoscheid said he expected one but none was received by the deadline.

Eschenbaum also questioned why the original estimate of Hoscheid was closer to \$500,000. Hoscheid attributed the increase to the uncertainty of fluctuations in input costs.

Hoscheid said the completion date of the renovation has been set for August 31, 2023.

After the discussion ended, it was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Jones, to accept the bid as recommended. All present voted in favor thereof and the motion carried.

Auditor DeBoer asked the commission to consider a motion that would authorize the chairman to execute future documents on the project should they be needed. It was moved by Jones, seconded by Eschenbaum, carried with all present voting in favor thereof to allow the chairman to execute documents on the project as needed.

Hoscheid said he will notify the bidder of the commission's acceptance of the bid, collect the materials needed from the contractor and report back.

It was noted that Total Construction Solutions will have Schumacher Elevator Company (Sioux Falls) as a subcontractor and that other subcontractors will be employed for the carpentry, electrical and other needed work.

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Eschenbaum, carried, to adjourn the meeting. 1:25 P.M.

The forgoing text reflects the approved minutes of the commission.

Greg Palmer, Chairman



Attest:

Doug DeBoer, Auditor



