

MINUTES OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

September 6, 2017

Members Present: Polly Reynolds, President
Rodney Ellis, Treasurer
Beena Vora
Michelle Drake

Others Present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Accounts Manager
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Austin Ramsey, Reporter – Messenger Inquirer
John Hagan Codell, Codell Construction Company
Steve Martin, RBS Design Group

The meeting was called to order by Board President Polly Reynolds at 5:00 p.m.

Polly Reynolds called for New Business of Library Expansion Project Bids. Erin Waller noted that the bid opening was on August 29 and that she would call on John Hagan Codell to report on the bids received. Mr. Codell noted that while there was not a large turnout for the bidding, there were a total of seven bids received. The low bidder was Danco Construction from Evansville, Indiana with a total price of \$885,000, which included inspections. The breakdown for the two separate projects is estimated to be \$650,000 for the exterior parking lot, including paving, lighting, storm drainage and the book drop off and \$235,000 for the interior remodel on the second floor. It was discussed that these bids were quite a bit higher than was estimated and budgeted for and Mr. Codell replied that it was in part due to the time of year that the bids were taken but the fact that the vendors had bid several times on the changed project could have factored into the higher prices.

Polly Reynolds suggested that with the prices so much higher than originally estimated, it might be worth considering to only do one part of the project at this time. She asked Erin Waller for her thoughts on this idea. Mrs. Waller agreed that due to the higher prices, it was her recommendation that the Library only do the Second Floor interior remodel as this was much needed and would provide visibly enhanced services and that while the parking lot was important, it could wait for later date. The Board members discussed this and agreed to get additional information and firmer pricing on the Second Floor interior remodel.

Mr. Codell said that he would check into the various options to only move forward with one part of the project rather than both parts of the project. He will bring additional information and pricing to the September 20 Board Meeting for the Board to consider. Rodney Ellis questioned Mr. Codell about

Codell's fees associated with the reduced project and Mr. Codell answered that the fees are based on the revised price of the contract so they would be reduced along with the project. Mr. Ellis also would like information provided that ensures the Library would only be responsible for the reduced portion of the project and not the entire project. Mr. Codell said he would look into this and would report back on September 20. He reported that the Library has 60 days to accept or reject the bids. The timeline for the possible revised project would depend on the lead time to get the materials ordered and received but he expected it would be a couple of months before any work could begin.

There was no Old Business.

There was no Public Comment.

There was no Closed Session.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.



Pally Reynolds

