JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

ZOOM MEETING

May 19, 2020 6:00 pm

The Commissioners that were in attendance was Matt Sporleder.
The Council members that were in attendance were Howard Malcomb, Dave Woodall, Paul Belding, Charlie Weber, Mike Gerth, Bob Ellis and Mandy Creech.

Mike Gerth reported that they are at the point where they would like to start bidding out the heating and air conditioning for the jail. There are other things that need done but the priority is the heating and air. There is some debate on how to go about the bid process. The Commissioners have to initiate the bid process. Dave Woodall said he recommended doing a design bid and let the contractor design and bid it himself. He is afraid something would be missed if it's not done this way. Kurt Schneider from Johnson Melloh Solutions gave a quote of $68,000.00 for the geothermal plan. The discussion of opening the bids to local contractors is discussed. Ellie asked what the difference of the power point presentation was. He went over the different options of the geothermal system vs. an energy efficient system. Mike reported that the main reason for this meeting was to get the bid process going. Kurt reported that there are 3 different options at this point: 1. Go back to traditional bid spec 2. Go to energy saving statute 3. You've already bid the energy saving statute and you actually can re-advertise for other people to submit. Kurt said it was the intent of the committee originally that JMS were going to design it under the energy saving contract, show the bids and agree on a markup of 12% overhead and 6% profit. They could get local people, JMS would design it and Kurt would be the actual person who oversaw it and who would be accountable, that was the actual intent. Matt Sporleder said that he is having a hard time hearing on this Zoom meeting. Matt reported that he has seen the proposals and the geothermal will pay for itself in 6 years. He recommends letting Kurt handle the bidding process through the energy saving plan. Kenny Freeman told Matt that he is only looking at part of the geothermal bid that pays for itself in 6 years. If he looked at the full quote it takes 42 years to pay it back. If they go the route of fixing the pieces that are broken it takes 16 years to pay back. He's afraid that there will be an issue if the numbers are not looked at more closely. There is a disagreement on reading the figures. Much discussion is held. Howard reported that the numbers have changed. Many of the members stated that this needs to be a meeting in person, this Zoom meeting is not working. Charlie asked about it being an issue that JMS is the bid process and they are bidding on the job. Dave Woodall said he wants to leave it to the Committee. Many agreed that this needs to be a meeting in person. Ellie said that was the purpose of this meeting is to get the process going and then go to the next step. Dave said there has to be specs drawn up if it is not a design build. Then it has to be issued by the Commissioners. She is asking if they want specs drawn up or are they going the guaranteed energy savings statute route. Kenny said there is another option of replacing like items at different times. Like right now the boiler system needs replaced, in 6 months the cooling tower will need done. Those don't need to be bid out because they are under $150,000. Kurt said he would like to meet in person also to get things straight. Matt agreed he would like to meet in person as he is having a hard time hearing.

Charlie asked what the purpose of ones who are not on the committee to be present. He said he thought the committee was to present their findings to the Commissioners and Council and go from there. Ellie said that she believes Kurt wants everyone there so he can answer questions about his numbers so the Commissioners and Council have better information when the committee does present their findings.

Ellie wants to know if they want the in-person meeting to be a joint meeting with the Commissioners and Council or just a meeting of the Jail Committee. Matt wants a report from the Jail Committee and Greg Wilds. Howard said he would like to meet next week and get this going. They will meet Wednesday, May 27 at 9 am in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned.

Tessia Salsman, Auditor

Mandy Creech, County Council

Howard Malcomb, President County Council

Bob Ellis, County Council

Dave Woodall, Vice-President County Council

Matt Sporleder, President Commissioner

Charlie Weber, County Council

Mike Gerth, County Council