

Administrative Services Committee Meeting

Douglas County, Nebraska

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

The meeting convened at 1:00 P.M. in Room 903 of the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE 68183. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the November 21, 2017, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioner Jim Cavanaugh chaired the committee. Others present at the meeting included Patrick Bloomingdale, Joe Lorenz, Diane Carlson, Catherine Hall, Mike Dwornicki, Dianne Wallace, and Leia Baez, County Administration; Amber Redmond, Corrections; Tim Cavanaugh, Treasurer's Office; Paul Johnson, Emergency Management; Jerry Leahy and Jeff McGill, Public Property; Dick Davis and Sandra Hernandez, Davis Contractor Development Services; Kyle Kramer, 911 Communications; Dan Olsen, John McCormick, Tim McCaw, Kathy Bossman, Joe Salcedo and Frank Corcoran (Local 385), Omaha Fire Department; and Constance Mierendorf, Douglas County Clerk/Comptroller's office.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:

<http://commissioners.douglasCounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

Bonding and Technical Services Contract Renewal

- Dick Davis from Davis Contractor Development Services (CDS) presented his annual update to the Board (see Attachment A). This past year, the Bond allowed CDS to engage a number of projects. The diversity and inclusion model that drives the CDS approach applies targeted data driven economics and capacity based solutions.
- CDS matches more qualified smaller contractors by
 - Reducing potential performance issues related to risk exposure
 - Employing cost effective principles tied to program saving methods
 - Increasing revenues of minorities and small businesses in the poorest communities
- Over the past 3 years, CDS has targeted contractors in high poverty areas. Of the 81 enrollees, 52% were White; 23% Black; 21% Hispanic; 2% Native American; and 2% Asian.
- 43 of the 81 enrollees reported a revenue increase of 48.4% for a total of \$121.7 million-- up from \$82 million.
- Poverty area revenues increased from \$47.9 million to \$72.9 million for an increase of 52.2%.
- Total minority revenues increased 94.8%, from \$29.1 million to \$56.7 million.
- In 2017, CDS assisted 10 bidding participants who submitted 35 bids for a total of \$22.4 million. 4 awards were made for a total of \$234,000 with a realized bid savings of \$26,000. 50% of the contractors were minorities; 85% of the bid values were awarded to poverty area contractors.
- ~~Mr. Davis provided an example of a small business that benefitted from CDS services as did the County. Jamco Abatement Services, Inc. is a capable, new start-up business. CDS helped them achieve initial bonding and helped them grow their bonding capacity to over \$500,000. CDS helped JAMCO successfully execute a \$118,000 Douglas County project at~~

the West Campus resulting in a savings of \$38,680 to the County over other bids. Matt Timmerman, President of Jamco wrote a letter of appreciation to Commissioner Borgeson for CDS's support (See Attachment B).

- Patrick Bloomingdale said the contract renewal with CDS would come before the Board on December 19. The contract expires on December 31, 2017.
- Jerry Leahy said the Jamco contract worked out very well. The process was very smooth and there were no change orders.

Update on Fire Alerting System

- Commissioner Cavanaugh said another Public Safety related project that the Bond funds is the Fire Alerting System that will go into all of the City's fire stations and work with 911 Communications to insure a safer community. He welcomed representatives from the Omaha Fire Department and acknowledged the importance of the County-City collaboration.
- Commissioner Cavanaugh thanked Frank Corcoran from Firefighters Local 385 for the firefighters' assistance in helping to pass the Bond.
- Chief Dan Olsen introduced members of his team and thanked Douglas County for its vision in funding \$2 million for the Fire Alerting System through the Public Safety Bond. The County is funding the equipment, and the City is picking up the cost of additional services including the annual service fees.
- Once the City approves the ordinance for its part of the agreement, work will begin on installing the system.
- Chief Olsen explained that some of the components of the current system are 60 years old. Some of them cannot be repaired because replacement parts are not available. He said the Fire Department was able to work with a committee including experts from 911 Communication to design an efficient, up-to-date system. Not only will the equipment be new, it will also be upgraded yearly, and this will lead to better response times for the 911 user.
- Chief Olsen said one of the biggest improvements the system brings to the firefighters is an electronic dispatch voice. This is a monotone electronic voice that takes the real life emotion out of the dispatch, greatly reduces the stress for the firefighters and improves the accuracy of transmission.
- The technology for the system will be customized to the building specifications of each fire station. Additionally, lighting features of the system will glow in certain hues depending on the nature of the call coming in. The system will allow calls to come in selectively depending on what apparatus is being called in to service. A firefighter will only receive a call if his/her particular apparatus is being called. This will also provide first responders stress relief.
- Chief Olsen said the vendor the department is working with for the US Digital System is Raycon, frequently used by the military. The interface piece for the stations and 911 is Motorola, and the vendor Black Box will handle the wireless components of the system.
- The current system uses radio frequencies. The new system is a network-based electronic system, which will decrease the processing time and improve accuracy.
- Kyle Kramer said all of the new 911 equipment is from Motorola.
- Chief Olsen said he hopes to get started on installation as early as possible in 2018. Once the City approves the ordinance, the City's contracts will be signed.
- Commissioner Cavanaugh said he would like the Administrative Services Committee to meet at one of the firehouses to see the equipment that is being installed.
- Firefighter Frank Corcoran is stationed at the second firehouse in downtown Omaha. He recently visited a fire station in Lincoln with a system similar, but not as good as, the one Omaha is purchasing. He was impressed with the clarity of the system. He could understand the address being transmitted perfectly due to the improved technology.

- Joe Lorenz is handling finances for the Bond. Once the contracts are signed for the Fire Alerting System, a joint invoice between 911 and the Omaha Fire Department should be submitted to his office, and it will be paid out of the Bond project fund.
- Commissioner Cavanaugh said the project is on schedule. The County looks forward to working with the Omaha Fire Department in the New Year.
- Commissioner Cavanaugh presented an overview of the Bond payments that have been made to date (Attachment C). The Corrections Center Project has paid out almost \$1 million or 1/10 of its \$10 million allocation. The West Campus has also paid out about \$2 million or 1/10 of its budget.
- Joe Lorenz said on December 1, the County paid \$11.5 million to Motorola and on January 1, another \$1.2 million will be paid to them. All equipment for the Motorola component of the project will be purchased at that time.
- Mr. Lorenz said the County also purchased the FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Camera) for the Omaha Police Department for approximately \$800,000.
- Commissioner Cavanaugh said he was pleased at the progress on the 911 component of the Bond and wished everyone happy holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 P.M.