

RUSK COUNTY PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2024

8:30 A.M.

Present: Jerry Biller, Terry Wedwick, Phil Schneider, Tony Hauser and Phil Unterschuetz.

Staff Present: C. Meyer, J. Wilk, A. Heath, G. Shilts, C. Riddle, J. Bugbee, J. Wallace, P. Grassmann, J. Runstrom, T. Hall, J. Jacobs and J. Kahl.

Others Present: J. Wiles, D. Doughty, B. Rands, Y. Rands, S. Moore, J. Hoover and B. Dukerschein.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Hauser at 8:32a.m.

Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2024

Motion by Biller, seconded by Schneider to approve the February 9, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

FAIRGROUNDS

Opening Bids and Awarding of Speakers/Sound System – Bids are as follows:

- Sound Installations \$8,605.00, for speakers and wires only
\$5,151.95 new sound system.
\$6,268.98 additional speakers

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Biller to accept the bids as presented from the Fair Budget. Motion carried.

Opening Bids and Possible Awarding for Demo and rebuild of East Wing – Bids are as follows:

- Cross County Clearing LLC (Estimate)– Demo/build of the East Wing \$65,547.00 (no materials)
- Oleskow – Concrete only \$21,625.00
- Johns Excavating – (Estimate) \$4,12500, \$18,600 -\$14,875.00

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Schneider to reject all bid. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Biller to update Finance to allocate funds for the East Wing project with no recommendation from Property. Motion carried.

Opening Bids for State Plan for Restroom – No Bids.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Hauser to update Finance to allocate funds for the Bathroom project with no recommendation from Property. Motion carried.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Schneider to enter into closed session at 8:55 a.m. All responded yes.

CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair

Consider motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e). – “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” to wit: negotiate right of first refusal contract terms of HCA offer to purchase the former Marshfield Clinic Health Systems Building and Surrounding lands located at 906 College Ave., Ladysmith WI being part of the following parcel number: 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03599-0000

OPEN SESSION – at 10:09 a.m.

Creation of bid process for parcel number: 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03599-0000

Motion by Biller, seconded by Schneider to authorize the appraisal to be completed as soon as possible, approve the RFP with revisions, authorize Legal Counsel to negotiate terms with HCA on offer to purchase and right of first refusal in respect to 246-03596-0000, 246-03597-0000, 246-03599-0000 and any other adjacent County owned Parcels. Motion carried.

RECYCLING, FAIRGROUND AND TRAIL’S END REPORT- Charmaine Riddle – No report

Trail’s End Report

Approve RFP for Swing Bridge – RFP was handed out, discussion held.

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Schneider to approve the RFP and have Finance allocate funds for the Trail End Swing Bridge project. Motion carried. Biller Abstained.

Fairground Report

Fairground Update – Fairground is getting worked on by Maintenance.

Approval for Flag Pole Purchase and Installation – The Fair Board is requesting approve to install a Flag Pole.

Motion by Biller, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to approve the Flag Pole Purchase and Installation funded by the Fair Budget. Motion carried.

Approve Building/Structure for Stage at Fairgrounds – The Fair Board is requesting approval to build a stage.

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Biller to approve the request to Building/ Structure for Stage at Fairgrounds from the Fair Budget. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE

Approval of Ambulance Purchase – T. Hall is requesting approval for an Ambulance Purchase.

Motion by Biller, seconded by Schneider to approve the request for approval of an Ambulance purchase for 2025-26 from the Ambulance Budget. Motion carried.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Bathroom Security Issue – A. Heath is requesting from the former DA to add a bathroom on the 3rd floor due to security issue. Discussion held.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Senior Center Pool Table – A request to move the pool table to the care community.

Motion by Schneider, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to approve moving the Senior Center Pool Table to the Care Community. Motion carried.

JOINT MANAGEMENT

Green Space for the Farmers Market in Parking Lot – A. Heath gave an overview of the Green Space for the Farmers Market in Parking Lot.

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Biller to forward the Green Space for the Farmers Market in Parking Lot to County Board. Motion carried.

OLD HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Disposition of the Clinic and Hospital Lots – No action.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

County Facilities Report

Facilities Manager Report including updates on Government Center, Old Hospital & Clinic and Out of County Travel

Hospital, demolition is finished and they will put topsoil, seed and erosion control to finish up and gave an overview of the buildings and grounds.

Out of County Travel

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, seconded by Schneider to approve out of County travel to Rothchild May 1-2. Motion carried.

AIRPORT

Airport Report – Gary gave a report on the Airport.

Hanger Build – Gary informed the Committee of the request.

Motion by Biller, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to approve T. Kopaz to build an airport hangar on Lot #12 with a lease agreement with no lease payment during construction with a deposit of \$288.26 or whatever is the yearly cost. Motion carried.

INSURANCE/COUNTY CARS

Review of Insurance Claims and County Car Usage – Jaimie gave a report on claims and County car usage.

Approve Sale of Topper from F150 Truck – Topper will not be used and would like to put it on the next Auction.

Motion by Biller, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to approve the sale of Topper for the F150. Motion carried.

IT

IT Director Report updates – J. Bugbee gave a report and updates.

Purchase of Replacement plotter for Land Information – A request to purchase a plotter for Land Information.

Motion by Wedwick, seconded by Biller to approve the Purchase of Replacement plotter for Land Information from the Land Information budget. Motion carried.

APPROVE AP REPORT – BILLS

Motion by Biller, seconded by Schneider to approve bills as presented. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2024 in the LEC at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourn – *Motion by Biller, seconded by P. Unterschuetz to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Motion carried.*