

Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2025
Time: 8:30 am
Location: 28911 Krentel Rd. Lacombe, LA 70445

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am.

A roll call was ordered by the Chairman, report as follows:

Present: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon, Jeanne Hutchison

Absent: Bret Ibert, Susanne Core

A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Rodney Hart, Sean Spanel, Stephanie Torres, Matt Parish, Jacob Boudreaux

1. Discuss and Consider approval of value engineering or other changes to the scope of the Annex Project

Rodney Hart updates the Board on the information from the contractor and legal on what can and cannot be done in relation to the contract that is currently in place.

Emily Couvillion and Angel Byrum says that the value of the contract can not be adjusted without a scope change unless things are removed from the scope as a value engineer.

Winn Ward had given us a list of value added items that he felt he could reduce to bring the cost down in the amount of about \$250,000.00.

Rodney Hart says that there were things that could be removed and some that could not. The things that can be removed to have a functional building and complete the removed items in the future. The generator set can be a future item. We have a portable generator that will power the building. The card swipes and cameras can be also done in the future. This can be added in the next budget cycle. The card swipes, cameras and generator will reduce the price by \$107,142.00.

Rodney Hart is asking the Board to allow him to manage the \$109,000.00 change order by removing items now and complete them in the future.

Rodney Hart informs the Board that Gainey's for the water treatment plant has come in with a price increase of \$5,000.00 more after the already \$100,000.00 change order. We are not able to do a change order on top of a change order.

General conversation.

Rodney Hart states that he has also spoken to Bret Ibert about these issues. Bret Ibert told him that he still has the same concerns as in the past but in this case, he would be in support.

John Evans asks Rodney Hart to state exactly what he is asking from the Board.

Rodney Hart states he would like the Board to support the value engineering change order and give him the authority to manage it within the contract in place.

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin to approve Rodney Hart to manage the value added engineering change in accordance to the Parish legal opinion, based on the contract amount of \$2,000,000.00 and additional \$116,000.00 for sewer treatment change order.

John Evans asks if Rodney Hart has the legal opinion in writing.

Rodney Hart replies yes.

Jeanne Hutchison asks if there would be a change order for the reduction in scope.

Rodney Hart replies yes that it could be a negative change order for the items being removed showing the reduction in price.

Matha Cazaubon asks for contract amount for the facility.

Rodney Hart replies \$2,116,000.00 which includes the \$116,000.00 change order for sewer treatment requirements.

Support: Martha Cazaubon

ROLL CALL

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon, Jeanne Hutchison

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Chairman asked for any further discussion or public comment, no response.

2. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Merrick Tassin at 8:43 a.m. to adjourn.

Support: Martha Cazaubon

Ayes: John Evans, Merrick Tassin, Martha Cazaubon, Jeanne Hutchison

Absent: 0

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

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