

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for a Recessed meeting on Friday, May 26, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center, Wadesboro, NC.

Commissioners present: JD Bricken, Chairman
Jarvis Woodburn
Priscilla Little
Jamie Caudle
Lawrence Gatewood

Staff members present: Leonard Sossamon, County Manager
Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board
Holly Berry, Finance Officer
Tanya Byrd, ACTS Director
Lula Jackson, DSS
Kishia Dunlap, DSS

Also present: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Appearances

David Griffin and Phillip Newton, of DA Griffin Construction, appeared before the Board and answered inquiries about the proposed ACTS facility's development. Commissioner Gatewood questioned Mr. Griffin on his credentials, experiences, and company's reputation. Mr. Griffin gave a brief introduction, stating that he is a native of Anson County and has worked in construction for roughly 18 years, mostly in the agricultural market. He also noted that the company does have all the necessary licenses and limits to guarantee the project's completion. Although Mr. Griffin acknowledged that this is his first project for the government, he did mention that he had access to experts, such as Mr. Bruce Thomas of American Builders, who had managed multiple governmental contracts and projects.

Board members and the County Attorney discussed the conditions of the state contract. According to Attorney Forbes, the county has safeguards since the proposed facility must adhere to certain requirements. Board members

conversed about how the bids were solicited and the factors that led to only one applicant, adding that the deadline is May 30 to avoid losing state funding.

Several Board members expressed their concerns regarding the project's estimated completion date of January 16, 2024, as well as the ramifications of missing the deadline. Mr. Griffin claimed that he believes the project will be finished within the specified timeframe and that the contract contains no action or repercussions against his company if the project is not completed on time.

The County Attorney and Board members discussed the County's responsibilities, including plans, material types, cosmetic decisions, and change orders.

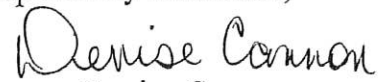
Attorney Forbes explained that although the project was originally tendered at \$2.1 million by DA Griffin Construction, the grant's original value was \$2.4 million. The Board was informed by attorney Forbes that they are voting on the facilities contract, not necessarily the particular amount. The exact pricing will be provided once the drawings are completed, according to Mr. Newton's clarification of the pricing design process, pricing structure, and RFP description.

Board members continued to discuss and dialogue about the projected ACTS facility contract and the additional availability of state funds.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to approve the DA Griffin construction contract to build the new ACTS facility with two stipulations: (target contract price: \$2.1 million dollars and target contract completion date: January 16, 2024). Seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gatewood, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board