

Public Property Committee
Minutes: Meeting Jan 13, 2014. 5:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Service Center Rm. 248

Members Present: Jeff Hetfeld, Bill Zeitz, Dave Fox, and Graham Rankin

Members Absent: Jim Alber

Visitors: Patrick Gierl, Randy Scholz, Dale Christiansen, Pete Annis, Gene Bebel, Susan Ryman, and Kathy Tobin

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Zeitz at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Dec. 20th, 2013 meeting. *M/S, Rankin/Zeitz. All ayes*
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Review of vouchers:** Place on file.
5. **Year to date budget report:** Place on file.
6. **Fairgrounds Marketing Committee report:** Mr. Zeitz noted that the "metro" seats were available at a cost of \$40.00/seat including hardware. However, the sellers needed a commitment by Jan. 6, 2014. Mr. Gierl indicated that the seats have been sold elsewhere. It was decided to put the "seating issue" on the agenda for future discussion.
7. **Economic Development Corporation Director report regarding grant funding for fairgrounds:**
Mrs. Ryman is currently writing a grant proposal for conducting a feasibility study to helping rural economic development. This grant should help to determine the long-term economic impact of maintaining working fairgrounds. Not only would the study look at the physical structures but would be looking into the impact of maintenance of facilities, venue recruitment, parking and revenue. The feasibility study would be a justification to the taxpayers and the public for the upgrading and bringing the fairgrounds up to code.
Mr. Scholz indicated that a feasibility study should be done as a first step before the county proceeds with the project. The county needs to know what the possible, long term impact would be.
The deadline for the application is Jan. 31, 2014 and we should receive an answer in 30 days.
The grant is for \$500,000 and the study would cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
The committee will recommend to the full county board to proceed with the feasibility study whether we receive the grant or not.
8. **Update on information obtained regarding site study at the Fairgrounds as directed by County Board:** Mr. Gierl has met with the City Planning Commission. He was informed that a 2500 seat grandstand would NOT require the construction of a parking lot. However, the city would have to see state approved plans before they would confirm releasing the county from the parking lot construction requirement. It was noted that open air grandstand systems do not require the construction of parking lots. An enclosed system would and the estimated cost would be \$600,000.
Mr. Zeitz informed us that the parking lot at Pine Crest could be made available on an event by event basis. We may want to contact legal about the county use of the Pine Crest parking lot during events at the fairgrounds.
9. **Discussion of specifications for RFP for grandstand /berm system for fairgrounds facility.**
10. **Discussion of specifications for RFP for bathroom construction/remodel for fairgrounds facility:** The committee decided not to pursue either RFP at this time. Mr. Gierl reminded the committee that the 90 day report due at the Feb. County Board meeting will be a best guess estimate. It is difficult to get specific cost without paying for the necessary profession work.
11. **Final report on the completed wiring project at the Schultz Bldg:** Mr. Gierl: The wiring is done. The total cost is \$9172 the last bill outstanding. The phase 1 exit lighting and demolition of the old wiring came in at bid cost, \$5490. The cattle barn does not require exit lighting. However, storing items in the cattle barn will no longer be allowed leading to that loss of revenue.
12. **Update on information obtained regarding sale of Forward house:** Kevin and Pat visited the home. Julie Weber informed them that their project has been delayed until April 1. The lease will continued on a month by month basis and the Forward House will maintain the "up keep". The estimated sale price is between \$40,000 and \$50, 000.
13. **Set next meeting date:** Call of the Chair.
14. **Adjourn:** *M/S, Fox/Rankin. All Ayes.*

Minutes prepared by Jeff Hetfeld and Pat Gierl