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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** December 2, 2010

**ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT: Larry G. Yoder, Chairman
Ryan Mayberry, Vice-Chairman
Wes Bolick
W. Darrell Robertson

ABSENT: Harold M. Odom

STAFF: Rick French, County Manager
Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, December 2, 2010 in the County Administration downstairs conference room, Taylorsville, North Carolina. A quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

BIDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER & JAIL PROJECT

Jack Hemphill and Frank Randel, Hemphill-Randel Associates, were present to discuss the bids received for the jail project at the bid opening held on November 30, 2010. Mr. Hemphill announced that Bordeaux Construction submitted the lowest bid of \$8,887,400 which included the base bid as well as all 4 alternates. He stated that Hemphill-Randel had worked with Bordeaux on several buildings in the past and he recommended the Board proceed with Bordeaux as the approved contractor for the project.

Mr. Hemphill explained that the jail and law enforcement center would be constructed first and then renovations to the courthouse would take place. He also advised that, although the base bid submitted by Bordeaux included courthouse renovation costs, those prices could not be held for 18 months (the estimated construction time for the jail and law enforcement center) and that the project could either be awarded to Bordeaux or another company at that time.

Rick French, County Manager, reported that additional costs to be incurred by the County would include tearing down and/or relocating some storage buildings currently located on the 23-acre site for the jail as well as for some special inspections.

Commissioner Robertson felt the Board should move forward with approval of the base bid as well as all 4 alternates because 1) the County planned to house federal inmates to offset the costs 2) the County could utilize the low prices now instead of paying more to add on later and 3) the low bid was positive for tax payers.

Therefore, Commissioner Robertson made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by Bordeaux Construction totaling \$8,887,400 to include all 4 alternates subject to LGC approval. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. French briefly discussed the financing for the project, explaining that the County received bids from Bank of America and BB&T. Bank of America submitted a bid of 3.19% for 15 years and BB&T's bid was for 4.79% for 20 years. These bids will be considered at the December 6, 2010 Commissioners' Meeting.

SIDEWALK & BEGGING ORDINANCE

Robert Campbell, County Attorney, presented the latest draft of the Roadways, Right-of-Way Areas, Streets, & Sidewalks Policy, which included the requested exclusions for certain types of organizations included the Boy and Girl Scouts, churches, charitable organizations, etc. and to exclude Halloween and fundraising events.

Commissioner Mayberry felt that requiring individuals applying for a privilege license to provide a fingerprint was unnecessary and would cause more work for the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Yoder had no problems with requiring fingerprints, noting that it could prevent fraudulent door to door sales scams and also aid the Sheriff's Department in identifying suspects if a crime occurred.

Commissioner Robertson also pointed out that the policy could be changed in the future if it was determined that the fingerprint provision was not needed or beneficial.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3 in favor of the motion (Commissioners Bolick, Robertson, and Yoder) and one against (Commissioner Mayberry). The motion carried.

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

Rick French, County Manager, reported that Alexander County would no longer be eligible to receive federal funding unless a Language Access Plan was adopted. In addition, all funds received for the Hoyle Keller CDBG project will have to be reverted back to the state. Mr. French stated that a waiver had been denied. The County must submit a plan by December 15, 2010.

An LAP would require employment applications as well as signage at County Administration DSS, Health Department, and Inspections to be provided in Spanish. It would also require an interpreter be provided if requested. Mr. French pointed out that the County had two interpreters currently on staff that could be utilized if needed.

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to approve a Language Access Plan for Alexander County to be drafted and sent to the state by December 15, 2010. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT & DISPOSABLE SUPPLIES

Rick French, County Manager, requested several items be declared surplus so they could be sold on Govdeals.com. The items included batteries, power cords, chargers, airway adapters, etc.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to declare these items as surplus as requested. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, mentioned that the Domestic Violence Resource Center still owed back payroll taxes and was struggling financially. The County recently appropriated \$20,000 to DMRC and the Town appropriated \$6,000. Mr. French stated that he could investigate making the DMRC a County facility but advised that it would be an expensive venture.

Commissioner Robertson asked Mr. French to research how many Alexander County residents currently utilized shelters outside of this county.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board