

**Warren County Commissioners
Work Session
Commissioners Conference Room
January 23, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Tricia Durbin called the work session of the Warren County commissioners to order with Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin, and Commissioner Jeff Eggleston present.

Staff Present: Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk, Lisa Hagberg, Finance Director, and Kim Slocum, Grants Administrator

Citizens Present: Josh Cotton (WTO)

Announcements: Commissioner Tricia Durbin announced that the meeting is being recorded

Public Hearings: None

Public Comment: None

New Items of Discussion:

Open Bids for the CDBG Center St. Reconstruction Project (Clarendon): Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk stated that no bids were received for this project. Danielle flasher will send this out for rebid at a later date.

Highmark Master Health Services Agreement: Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that this is the county's pharmacy benefit renewal service plan; the rate is five dollars per contract holder per month and will end December 2024.

This will be placed on the agenda for Wednesday's public meeting for approval.

Review of proposals received for the Broadband Consultant: Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that we received five proposals for the broadband consultant.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated the deadline to submit proposals was today.

Design 9: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that this company comes highly recommended from counties in the South.

Big Bang Broadband: Commissioner Jeff Eggleston commented that they are a larger company out of Florida. Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated they have experience across the country in broadband.

Michael Baker International: Commissioner Tricia Durbin commented that this company has projects in the northern and southern counties.

Technology Plus: Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated they are a division of RMH group out of Colorado.

CTC technology and energy: they are a company out of Maryland.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that all proposals will be reviewed extensively as each have significant services they have listed. She also commented that the Priceline is anywhere from \$67,000-\$960,000.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston commented that we definitely need to follow-up with each company and the references; all are very reputable companies.

He then stated that the RFP stated that the decision would be made by the February 8 meeting but we can move this out.

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that we need to come up with a matrix to evaluate each company and get our IT department involved.

English as second language: Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin asked if we could put the proposal for English as a second language that we received from Jonie Smitley on the agenda for Wednesday.

Old Items:

Policies & Procedures:

Projects:

Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that Broadband conversations are still being had. If anyone is having trouble accessing the FCC Broadband map challenge, please call Pamela Matve, Chief Clerk and she will help you as we have set up a laptop in our conference room.

Commissioner Jeff Eggleston stated that he will be meeting with some of the municipalities to answer some questions regarding the Land Bank, and he will also be meeting with the School Board Committee.

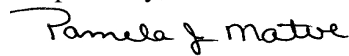
Upcoming Commissioner Meeting Review: The agenda for the January 25, 2023 Public Meeting was reviewed.

Department/Committee Updates: Commissioner Tricia Durbin stated that there were several applications and resumes received for the Veterans Affairs Dir. position. This morning she and Commissioner Benjamin Kafferlin interviewed five applicants and out of that five they feel they have a good recommendation.

General Discussion:

With nothing further, the work session was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully,



Pamela J. Matve
Chief Clerk

