

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

November 16, 2020

Work Session Minutes

6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman, Bruce Henry, Vice-Chairman, Gerald Stunkel, and Don Jernigan.

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager and Sheila Belcher, Administrative Specialist.

Work Session:

Right-of-Way Tree Limb and Brush Cutting

Mr. Benton stated that we received bids and contract pricing from Atlantic & Southern, Ag Pro, Hays Tractor, and Flint Equipment. He stated that he have included a quote from a local tree service vendor to do the actual work to cut the entire road and clean-up. The road quoted was exactly one mile. The Atlantic and Southern gave a State contract price for a 5712 Massey Ferguson 23ft rear cradle type boom with a 50” rotary head for a total cost of \$138,798.84. They also quoted a 48” saw blade which would make the total \$148,627.

Chairman Henry asked about the actual working length. The representative stated that it is about 23’ 2”. The rep stated that this equipment is built to take a lot of wear and tear.

Mr. Benton stated that Hays Tractor put in a bid for two tractors. Hays Tractor quoted the Kubota M6-111- DTCF 22’ Boom with a 60” rotary mower. This includes a 90” blade which is four blades stacked. The total is \$169,300. The second machine quoted by Hays Tractor was custom machine by Chambers Custom Tractor 24’ side cradle. Mr. Massey of Hays Tractor said that this machine would be built from the ground up. The cost for this one is \$181,295.

The next machine is by the Flint Equipment who quoted the John Deere 6110 24’ rear cradle 60” rotary head for \$184,341. There was second quote for a John Deere 6110 22’ boom 60” rotary cutter for \$167,800.

Chairman Henry asked all of the vendors present if we went with just the rotary cutter and later decided we wanted to go with the other head. All stated that their machine have that capability.

Mr. Benton stated that the last quote came from Ag Pro of Madison. The quoted a John Deere 6110 with a 24’ rear cradle with a 50” rotary for the price of \$148,982.

Commissioner Jernigan ask the representatives about their service department. He wanted to know the turn-around times.

The reps from Atlantic and Southern stated that they have a service tech that will come to the site. Most of the time it will be within the next day or so.

Mr. Glass stated that they have a response time of about a day or so as well. They have several stores throughout Georgia.

Mr. Massey stated that Hays Tractor would have to take 2-3 days.

Commissioner Jernigan asked about delivery. All reps stated that they could be delivered the next day if needed.

Landfill Operations

Mr. Benton introduced Mr. Tony Rodriguez with Triple Point Engineering. Tony presented his proposal to the board. He stated there are some corrective actions that need to be done in regards to storm water. The C& D landfill exceeded the TSS. He suggested contracting Barksdale to get grass established on the sides of the pond and to keep sediment from going into the pond. He stated that the cost will be revised because the area that needs grassing is smaller than what was originally quoted.

Tony stated that state has a trust fund called the Hazardous Site Trust Fund. This fund is funded through tipping fees and other methods. The fund is used to pay for sites that are listed on the Hazardous Site Inventory. Municipal Solid Waste Landfills are eligible to receive reimbursement for corrective actions. The only caveat is that you have to put yourself on the list. Most of the unlined closed county landfills are on this list. There has been a lot done in the past that could be reimbursed. You have to have an invoice and scope of work to submit reimbursement. There is no limit to how far back you can go. Tony stated that Triple Point has information for the county as far back as 2013 when they begin working with the county. The state decides which work is reimbursable.

Chairman Henry asked if the county opens itself up to be sued by being added to the list. Tony stated that he does not know of anyone who was sued because they were added to the list. He know of cases where the contaminated landfill caused contaminated wells. There are not extra inspections by the EPD. The trust fund gets renewed every five years. The deadline for filing for the year is March 31, 2021. A resolution is not needed. It can be done by the county manager. However, a resolution will be needed when an application for reimbursement is submitted.

Chairman Henry stated that we have the solid waste landfill that is closed but has not been certified closed. He asked Tony if he know why it has not been certified closed. Tony stated that there is a punch-list of things that need to be done. Cell markers, sed pond, silk gauges and regrading is needed on the south side.

Mr. Benton asked about the tree limbs and stump grinding that is needed at the landfill. He asked for suggestions from Tony. Tony suggested that there debris be grounded every year or two. It will have to be removed from the landfill though.

Commissioner Luke went back to the right-of-way equipment subject. He stated that when considering the right-of-way equipment and contracting it out. Contracting the projects out would be much better.

Mr. Benton stated that the contractor stated that he will give volume discounts.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that he agrees that it is better to contract this work out until the new Public Works Director is chosen and acclimated.

Chairman Henry declared the Work Session closed at 7:26 p.m.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk