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The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL SESSION in the Court House in Bradenton, Florida, Thursday, April 13, 1978, at 9:45 a.m.

Present were Commissioners
Louis E. Driggers, Chairman
Dan P. McClure
Lamar S. Parrish

Also present were:
E. N. Fay, Jr., County Attorney
Michael Riordan, Finance Director
B. Frappier, Deputy Clerk

Commissioners L. H. Fortson, Jr., and Robert W. Fowinkle were not present.

PURCHASING - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (BID NO. 78-43)

Ed Dougherty, Director, Highway Department, submitted bid analysis and recommendations for the purchase of heavy equipment (letter dated April 10, 1978). The bid package required all proposals to contain pricing for (1) "23-month Buy", (2) "Outright Buy", and (3) "Total Cost" and bidders not submitting "total package" were not considered. Availability and delivery dates were also considered prime factors in recommending awards of the bids.

Mr. Thompson, Sales Representative for H. F. Mason Equipment Corporation, protested the bid procedure of rejecting bids which were not considered "responsive" because they did not contain pricing for both outright buy and total cost. Since it is the policy of his company not to bid total cost, their bid for outright buy was not even considered although it was low bid.

William Mullon, Purchasing Director, explained the concept of total cost and why it was required as part of the bid package for the Highway equipment. Total cost is designed to give the buyer parts and service protection, a feature the Highway Department found advantageous as they cannot afford to have their machinery out of service for any length of time. Total cost is figured by taking the original price, subtracting the 5-year buy back figure (bonded), and adding the guaranteed 5-year maintenance figure (bonded), which gives you the total cost of the equipment.

Bill Langford, Great Southern Equipment Corporation, said his Company, which is being recommended for award of two of the excavators, can now supply the third excavator within 20 days rather than 60 days as submitted in the bid. Mr. Dougherty amended his recommendations to show purchase of three (3) Gradall 440S Excavators instead of two, and deletion of the Bantam T-644. He said it would be beneficial to have the excavators of the same make.

Mr. Dougherty further requested a cancellation clause be written into the Purchase Order -- that if the contractor cannot deliver the equipment by the delivery date supplied in the bid, then the order would automatically be cancelled and go to the next lowest bidder.

Mr. Dougherty's amended recommendations to the Board on the award of bids for heavy equipment is as follows:

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	23 EQUAL <u>MO. PMTS.</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Great Southern Equipment	(3) 440 Gradalls	\$4,121.00	\$284,349.00
W. W. Williams Co.	(1) Koehring Drag- line, Model 405	\$5,000.00	\$115,000.00
Tampa Tractor Co.	(5) End Loader/ Back Hoe - John Deere 310A	\$ 919.53	\$105,745.95
Florida-Georgia Tractor	(1) Galion T400A Motor Grader	\$2,157.00	\$ 49,611.00

The following were direct, outright purchases:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Tampa Tractor Co.	(4) John Deere Model 410B Tractors	\$8,999.00	\$ 35,996.00

Motion was made by Mr. McClure to accept the recommendations of the Highway Director on the award of bids for the Highway Equipment as amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried unanimously.

PURCHASING - MCUS - JACK & BORE (TIDEVUE ESTATES-US 301)

Motion was made by Mr. Parrish to waive the bid procedure and authorize the Purchasing Director to receive sealed quotes and award a contract to jack and bore at Tidevue Estates when request is received from the Utilities Director. Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and carried unanimously.

PURCHASING - MCUS - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Letter from IBM dated April 12, 1978 on exercising the purchase option on the computer equipment at the Utilities System was deferred to the following Tuesday.

TRAVEL - TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Parrish to authorize travel for James Berry, Transit Department to Tampa, Florida, from April 17, 1978 through April 21, 1978, to attend air conditioning school. Motion was seconded by Mr. McClure and carried unanimously.

NURSING HOME - 26TH STREET WEST

Dixie Grubbs, on behalf of some of the residents on 26th Street, appeared before the Board regarding special exception for a nursing home on 26th Street West, and whether use as a retirement home for the aged was allowable under the special exception. The Chairman referred to that portion of the zoning ordinance under which the special exception was granted and assured her that it was allowable.

UTILITY EASEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Parrish, to accept and record utility easements from (1) Alex and Twila P. Gubody, and (2) Westside Fire Control District. Motion carried unanimously.

BILL FOR PAYMENT

Upon motion by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Parrish, bill was unanimously authorized for payment as follows:

DeLesline Construction, Inc. \$12,545.56
(Multi-Purpose Center)

MEETING ADJOURNED

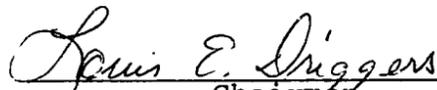
There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Attest

APPROVED



Clerk



Chairman