

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGRICULTURE BUILDING WORKSHOP
JULY 18, 2016**

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record for the proceedings and may need to insure that a verbatim record is made.

PRESIDING: Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

RECORDING: Jean Shuford, Finance Officer

ATTENDING: Commissioner Willie Croft; Commissioner Woody Kitler; Commissioner Jimmy Tallman; Dianne Hannon, Board Secretary; Kellie Connell, Clerk of Courts; Russ Wade, County Attorney

PRESS: None Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairwoman Cossey.

2. AGRICULTURE FACILITY DISCUSSION

Commissioner Tallman stated that during the last discussion of this topic, a 60x180 building was agreed on. Within this building, one-third would be enclosed while the remaining two-thirds would be exposed and potentially contain a pavilion of some sort. Commissioner Tallman explained that it was agreed upon to have a bid placed on the construction for the one-third that would be enclosed, while the remaining two-thirds was to be built with Phase II of the grant. Commissioner Tallman addressed that Mr. Nistler made a previous comment that an extension could be made on the first phase, and inquired of any additional information. Chairwoman Cossey stated that an extension has been granted. Commissioner Tallman spoke regarding which parts of the building would be built with the different grant years. Mr. Nistler explained the extension has been granted by combining it with Phase II; therefore, the completion date for the entire building would be moved to December 31, 2017, with a possibility of an additional extension. Commissioner Tallman wished to accelerate the process of this project, so that it can begin being utilized.

Commissioner Tallman questioned Chairwoman Cossey for any information she has received from potential contractors on the expenses of this project. Chairwoman Cossey requested that no numbers be discussed for future protection of bids. Commissioner Tallman inquired of Chairwoman Cossey regarding the reality of completing this building for \$480,000. Chairwoman Cossey compared it to the SREC Building, which is 46x101 and was built for \$330,000.

Commissioner Tallman discussed different purposes this building could serve and stated his desire for it to serve as many as possible. He asked for any thoughts on this matter from the

Board, as well as from the audience. Chairwoman Cossey stated after research, the enclosed portion, with flooring, could be completed for \$20 per square foot while the pavilion portion could be completed for \$10 per square foot; this was without specification of a 60x60 for the enclosed portion.

Matt Denson, of Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, delivered similar prices to Chairwoman Cossey. He stated that this is with a solid slab for the enclosed portion and merely columns, footers, and dirt bottom on the unenclosed portion. Mr. Denson suggested, on the enclosed portion, to drop the eave by approximately 10 feet to save money. Mr. Denson delivered draft drawings. Chairwoman Cossey solicited any additional advice. He recommended a two feet extension on the roof in order to protect from rain and sun.

Chairwoman Cossey questioned availability of inmate labor at this location. Commissioner Tallman expressed interest to visit the project location to see how it has been affected by recent rains. He suggested to extend the enclosed area to 60x80 to provide more room for office space. Adjusting the size of the building to 60x80 would make the enclosed area 4,600 square feet. The total building would be 60x200.

Chairwoman Cossey questioned advertisement, and the Board agreed upon advertising the bid in the next paper. Commissioner Tallman spoke regarding the flooring of the unenclosed portion. Chairwoman Cossey stated that this is something that can be decided on later. Commissioner Kitler revisited the roof extension. He questioned if this is something that needs to be addressed in the initial bid, as well as what would be the best idea for protection. Mr. Denson advised the extension be approximately 2 feet, completely around the building.

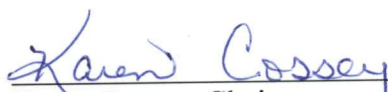
The Board was questioned regarding fencing the facility. Commissioner Tallman discussed if there is a pond, it will be required to be fenced. It was expressed that fencing the entire property compared to only the pond would be cheaper and this will allow for fencing for livestock if they were to be released by mistake.

It was clarified that anyone placing a bid send signed and sealed drawings (instructional and foundational) on the slab of enclosed portion, footers for the pavilion, and labor. Partial grade metal is sought.

3. **ADJORNMENT**

Chairwoman Cossey adjourned the workshop at 5:35 PM.

APPROVED:


Karen Cossey, Chairwoman

ATTEST:


Kellie H. Connell, Clerk of Courts