

**Special Meeting**

**December 29th 2014**

**11 am**

**Heron Bend Office Montrose IA**

1. Call to order at 11:01 am by Sylvester

Roll call: Sylvester x Holland x Mullan x

Absent: Fullhart-Snyder, Whitaker

Staff Present: Pawling, Clark-Hudson

2. Guests or Special Interest Groups

John Hansen Midwest Construction Consultants

Ernie Schiller

Jeff Hunt Daily Democrat

Ron Fedler Temp liaison for Supervisors

3. Approve December Minutes with changes

MOTION to approve December minutes with changes

Holland/Mullan

Ayes Sylvester, Holland, Mullan

4. Review/Discuss/consider approval of bids for new building

John Hansen gave an over view of the project thus far. Explained what could be taken out of the original drawings and get us under budget. Currently we sit roughly \$98,000 over budget on this project.

John will work with the contractors to see where costs can be cut and still have a presentable building for the public to access. This project cannot go over \$750,000.00 no matter what. Hansen suggested getting the bare structure and some of the office space built, and taking the rest on through the Foundation and their fundraising. They (Foundation) would have to contract directly with the contractors in order for this to work. A CAT grant is in the process of being filled out. The deadline is May of 15. We will be asking for 1/3 of the cost of the building or roughly \$250,000.00. From the sounds of things there is a reasonable chance that we will receive some award on this grant.

There is a tentative meeting for January 9th with the Fertilizer plant in Wever.

Lots of non essentials can be pulled from the plans and we would still have a good building. Our only other option is to remove the storage area all together and re bid the whole project. This is not something we wish to do.

Board members feel we should have a combo meeting with the Foundation to bring them up to speed on the situation. This has tentatively been set for January 13, 2015.

According to Hansen we have 60 days to qualify the bids before we have to make a decision. This gives us time to tweak things and still get an answer to the Supervisors in a timely manner.

MOTION for John Hansen to move forward qualifying bids to bring to supervisors

Holland/Mullan

Ayes Sylvester, Holland, Mullan

MOTION to process payment for John Hansen

Holland/ Mullan

Ayes Sylvester, Holland, Mullan

Ron Fedler mentioned he is too busy with sub committees to be our liaison with the supervisors. He said Don Hunold will become our liaison with the supervisors. All board seemed good with this information.

MOTION to adjourn meeting @ 12:15 PM

Mullan/Holland

Ayes Sylvester, Holland, Mullan