

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
November 28, 2012 at 10:30 AM
Administration Building in Galliano, LA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider approving the lowest responsive bid for the Multi Agency Emergency Response Center
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION
November 28, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the Administration Building in Galliano, LA.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary Collins called roll.

ATTENDED: Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Donald Vizier, Wilbert Collins, Larry Griffin, John Melancon, Jr., Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: Chuckie Cheramie

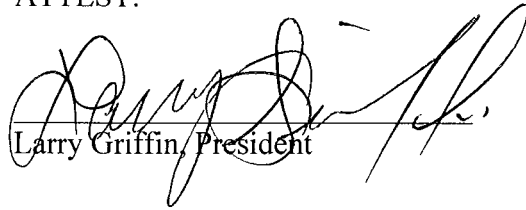
President Griffin presented for the board's consideration approving the lowest responsive bid for the Multi-Agency Emergency Operations Center ("EOC"). Executive Director Chiasson stated that Lincoln Builders, Inc. is the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$2,559,000 which includes two alternates of deductions of -\$94,000.00 leaving the total bid of \$2,465,000.00. The bids came in \$1 million above the estimate. After review of the bid items the other possible deductions would total \$200,000. We did research Lincoln Builders and they were the low bidder on the recent Grand Isle Fire Station and the Grand Isle Multiplex with the bids being similar. Scott Ritter with Ritter Maher Architects stated that the estimates were based on 16 divisions of construction from site work to electrical. He stated that in reviewing Lincoln's bid to the estimate there were 5 divisions that were high which were specific to this building with the FEMA regulations. The bids came in on Wednesday and since then he has met with Lincoln and they have ideas or options to reduce the project cost without adjusting the quality of the building or any FEMA requirements. Chiasson stated that the biggest issue we have is the time frame of our Port Security Grant. We need to get this moving and if we don't do it now we stand a chance of losing the grant funds of \$750,000. Ultimately after these discussions, we don't believe that by not accepting this bid or relooking at the design to rebid will save anything. The recommendation of the administration staff is to move forward with approving this bid. Griffin questioned who did the estimate, which Mr. Ritter replied his office. Gisclair questioned if he had ever been 60% off on an estimate, which Ritter replied no. Ritter stated that it is hard to comprehend the estimate being that far off because of a few divisions. Gisclair stated that the original cost that we thought it would be of \$1.5 million is what it will cost the Port. Chiasson stated that even though the board approves it today we will continue to look at the bid to try to reduce the cost without changing the structure. Davie Breaux stated that he spoke to Grand Isle maintenance regarding Lincoln Builders and they are satisfied with them as contractors with no issues. He stated you will not get a lower price by rebidding. Griffin stated that this Galliano Building is a good example of that when we rebid it was even more with a reduced design.

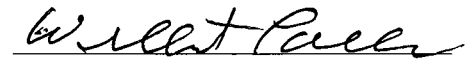
Gisclair requested Chiasson explain the operations of this new building, which Chiasson stated that this is part of a port security funded project and part of our port security plan. The building will be an Emergency Operations Center. It will be used as the Parish's EOC to handle emergencies with the different organizations. An example would be the BP Oil Spill. This building will house the Ambulance District who will utilize it daily. The Fire District will park a ladder truck in the parking lot as well. It will be used throughout the year for different trainings and drills by USCG, National Guard, State Police, and many other agencies. Melancon stated that since he has been here many projects came in under budget and this would probably be the first miss-budgeted project we have in a while. He said with the Port's growth it is essential that we construct this EOC and he is in support of it. Breaux stated that the type of construction is a 40-50 year building. Chiasson stated that also this building will be 2 ft. higher than our Operations Center and will be able to withstand a wind load in

excess of 150 mph. Upon motion by Donald Vizier and second by Perry Gisclair the board unanimously accepted the bid from Lincoln Builders in the amount of \$2,465,000.00 for the Multi-Agency EOC.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adjourned the special meeting.

ATTEST:


Larry Griffin, President


Wilbert Collins, Secretary