

Board of Commissioners Special Meeting

February 15, 2019

Chairperson Cameron called a special Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on February 15, 2019, at Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Headquarters Station in the front conference room. The following were present:

Commissioner Hallanger
Commissioner Neves
Financial Analyst Ballinger

Commission Headley
Chief LaFave
DC Ribelin

Action Items:

SCBA Bid Review: A number of regulations and standards have changed since our current self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) was purchased. As a result, an upgrade is required of our current equipment in order to maintain compliance with existing laws and standards. Staff developed a bid specification, advertised for bids on January 31, and held a bid opening on February 14. Bids were received from the following two responsive, qualified vendors:

L.N. Curtis

Base Bid: \$530,764.33 (including sales tax)
Base Bid plus Option #1: \$602,907.72 (including sales tax)

Seawestern

Base Bid: \$537,795.72 (including sales tax)
Base Bid plus Option #1: \$619,487.59 (including sales tax)

In addition to being the low bidder, L.N. Curtis will provide additional services and support beyond those provided by Seawestern. Staff recommends the Board award a purchase contract to L.N. Curtis for the base bid plus option #1.

Prior to advertising for bids, Chief LaFave reached out to our bond attorney to verify that this purchase would be an appropriate and legal use of bond funds. The attorney verified this would be acceptable since this is a necessary upgrade of equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallanger to award the self-contained breathing apparatus and equipment bid to L.N. Curtis as outlined, for a total of \$602,907.72, and to be purchased using bond funds. Commissioner Neves seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Cameron at 1:10 p.m.

Chairperson Cameron

District Secretary