Courthouse Exterior Work Bids to be Considered

Gaines County Commissioners will consider awarding a bid Monday morning to one of three companies who submitted proposals for the exterior cleaning and repair of minor structural issues with the Gaines County Courthouse.

The bid consideration is one of 12 business items set to be faced by members of the Commissioners Court in their regular, semi-monthly meeting slated for a 10 a.m. start at the Gaines County Courthouse. The meeting is open to the general public, for those local residents who wish to attend.

In the Commissioners' Feb. 11 regular meeting, three companies which specalize in the exterior restoration and cleaning of public facilities submitted bids for a proposed work at the Gaines County Courthouse and Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce facilities.

Those bids ranged in price from $116,060 by Vinton, Iowa-based Karr Tuckpointing to $423,769 from Waxahachie-based Brazos Restoration Waterproofing, Inc. A bid totaling an estimated $202,802 was received from Mid-Continental Restoration, a Fort Worth based company.

Gaines County Commissioners, in their Jan. 28 regular meeting, approved of a motion to seek "request for proposals" for an exterior repair/cleaning project for the Gaines County Courthouse.

"This is something I feel we need to seriously take a look at and consider, especially following the recent work we had done inside the Courthouse," said Lance Celander, Gaines County Judge in the Jan. 28 meeting.

Celander stated in the late-January meeting the Gaines County Courthouse facility, located at 101 S. Main St., has been experiencing some leaking issues with the facility's exterior, primarily in areas where mortar in joints have deteriorated over time.

"We spent a lot of money to fix up what we had on the inside, and we don't want to run into an issue where that work could be damaged because of exterior issues," said Celander.

In late 2011, Gaines County saw the completion of a 13-month, $6.98 million infrastructure renovation project at the three-floor courthouse facility, which is home to some 19 county and state offices and roughly 60 Gaines County employees.

The project saw improvements to the facility's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, interior plumbing, electrical distribution and lighting systems. The installation of energy management and control systems, as well as new fire sprinklers and alarms were installed in the facility.

Other facility upgrades included the installation of new flooring in portions of the facility, and custom built cabinets, to name a few.

The Gaines County Courthouse also saw the installation of energy efficient windows and doors to the facility -- at a cost slightly over $1 million -- as part of the project, which was conducted by NORESCO, a Massachusetts-based energy savings company which specializes in energy savings projects with governmental entities.

Also on Monday, Gaines County Commissioners will address the following agenda items:

• meet with Gaines Co. Golf Professional Shaun McDonald to consider approving the 2013 Gaines Co. Golf Course tournament schedule;

• meet with Gaines Co. Treasurer Michael Lord to receive the quarterly investment report;

• consider approving the donation of equipment from the City of Seagraves to Pct. 1;

• consider approving a buy board purchase for the Gaines County Sheriff's Office;

• consider declaring surplus/salvage equipment for the county;

• consider approving a resolution opposing HB 958, and;

• routine agenda items which include regular Gaines County business, approval of subdivision applications, and approval of road crossing requests.

Gaines County Commissioners will also meet in an executive session with Gaines County Veterans Service Officer Johnny Hernandez, in reference to discuss a personnel issue.

Sandyland Ag Meeting Slated Thursday

The annual Sandyland Agricultural Conference will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the program beginning at 8:25 a.m. and concluding at approximately 3:45 p.m.

According to officials with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Gaines County office, this year's conference will focus on the Production of Cotton and Peanuts as it relates to minimum rainfall and irrigation.

Irrigated & Dryland Cotton Production, Peanut Fungicides & Disease Control, Water Quality & Quantity, Weed Control, Herbicide Damage, Insect Management, Variety Trials, and Fertility are just a few of the cotton and peanut topics that will be discussed.

Those attending will also gain information on the Economic Timing of Irrigation, Pesticide Applicator License Requirements, Pesticide Laws and Regulations, and industry updates..

Program Presenters will include Dr. Mark Kelley - Agronomist, Dr. Jason Woodward - Plant Pathologist, Charles Stickler - Retired Extension Agronomist, Dr. Peter Dotray - Weed Specialist, Dr. Dana Porter - Agricultural Engineering Specialist, Dr. Terry Wheeler - Plant Pathologist, Dr. Jackie Smith - Extension Economist, Management, Terry Millican - Gaines County Agricultural Extension Agent, Manda Anderson - Gaines County IPM Agent, Jay Yates - Economist/Risk Management, all with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Other Presenters include Debbie Slocum - Texas Department of Agriculture.

Licensed pesticide applicators will receive Continuing Education Units (CEU's) toward their Pesticide License Requirements for attending this conference.

Local and surrounding businesses will be allowed to set up booths with educational and promotional information. Anyone wanting to sponsor this program or reserve a booth space should contact the Gaines County Extension Office at (432) 758-4006 ext. 140.

Educational programs of the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodations in order to participate in an Extension sponsored activity are encouraged to contact the Gaines County Extension Office no later than February 20, 2013 at 432-758-4006 ext. 140.

The Sandyland Ag Conference is sponsored by The Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service and the Agricultural Committees in Gaines, Yoakum, Andrews, and Cochran Counties.

News Brief

Hess' Citywide Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled March 23rd

Hess Corp. will be hosting their annual Citywide Easter Egg Hunt on the morning of Saturday, March 23, at the M.S. Doss City Park.

The event, which is co-sponsored by several other local businesses, is open to the general public and will begin at 10 a.m.

Hess Corp. officials anticipate having over 15,000 plastic eggs for the event, and are currently looking for sponsors for candy and prizes for the program.

For more information about the Easter Egg hunt, or to help sponsor, contact Michelle Marquez at (432) 758-8636.

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Public Records

Marriage Licenses

Gaudencio V. Vazquez, 28, and Georgina Avila, 19, both of Devner City.

Anthony H. Tuck, 33, and Ashley E. Brown, 26, both of Seminole.

Dulces N. Gallegos, 64, and Paula B. Garcia, 63, both of Seminole.

Gaines Co. Court Filings

State of Texas vs. Jacob Rempel Fehr, terroristic threat of family/household.

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State of Texas vs. Joe Collins, theft by check.

State of Texas vs. John Wieler, traffic offense.

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State of Texas vs. John Wieler, Jr., traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. Margaritha Wieler, traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. Sammy Martinez, Jr., traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. Jose F. Acevedo, traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. John Ennis Dyck, possession of marijuana.

State of Texas vs. Kristopher Jimenez, theft by check.

Gaines Co. Court Dispositions

State of Texas vs. Robbin Meyers, theft by check, order of dismissal, the defendant has paid restitution in full.

State of Texas vs. Andrew Joe Rubio, traffic appeal, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Staci Rebecca Hadderton, driving while license suspended/invalid, order of dismissal, the defendant has satisfied the terms of a pre-trial diversion agreement.

State of Texas vs. Dusty Tyson, theft by check, order of dismissal, the defendant has paid restitution in full.

State of Texas vs. Pablo Gabriel Munoz-Gonzalez, traffic appeal, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Daniel Ray Basye, traffic appeal, order of dismissal, the defendant has satisfied the terms of a pretrial diversion agreement.

State of Texas vs. Amanda Lea Perkins, traffic appeal, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Vanessa Sellers, traffic appeal, order of dismissal.

106th Dist. Court Filings

IMOMO: Shane Robert Reece and Michelle Lee Reece, and interest of a child, suit of divorce.

106th Dist. Court Dispositions

No dispositions to report this week.

Warranty Deeds

Donald Ivey and Sandy B. Ivey to Franz Hiebert and Tina Heibert, NE/4 of section 204, block G, WTRR.

J.P. Stroud to Gerald Smith, section 17, block A-7, PSL.

Amber Renee Gibson and Carla Sue Miller to Carla J. McQuitty, 2.202 acre tract out of NE/part of section 18, block C-44, PSL.

Joe V. Tarbet and D&T Trust to Eric Capps and Shelly Capps, 1.00 acre in southerly SW/part of certain 313.35 acres in section 25, block A-9, PSL.

Diedrich Kroeker and Katharina Kroeker to Jake W. Rempel and Elsie Rempel, S/2 of lot 6, Green Acres Sub.

David B. Martens to Anna Martens, 60.89 acre tract in section 3, block A-21, PSL.

John Martens to Henry Letkeman and Lena Letkeman, 6.00 acre tract in W/2 of section 222, block G, WTRR.

N&D Construction, LLC and C.D. Wickson to Carlos Perez, lot 14, Camp No. 6, Sub.

Chester Wayne Payne and Dennis Roger Payne to Isaac K. Peters and Susie G. Peters, N/2 of section 270, block G, WTRR.

JW&T, Inc. to Cody Culver and Kayleigh Culver, 4.87 acre tract in S/part of S70.25 acres of SE/4 of section 166, block G, WTRR.

Klass Enns to Judy Friessen, E/2 of lot 5, West Racka Two Sub.

JWT Inc. to Peter Neufeld, Maria Fehri Neufeld, Abe Neufeld and Helena Neufeld, lot 8, Heritage Lane Estates.

Twin Forks, LLC, Peter Wiebe and Annie Wiebe to Frank Loewen,

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