

GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
GOVERNING BODY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2008

Members Present: Gayle Dodds, Chairperson; Curt Blair, Co-Chair; Mark Friedman, Paul Marxsen, Margie Solomon

Members Absent: Dr. Stephen Miniati; Tammi Hardy

Staff Present: Charles Colvert, CEO; Ginny Griner, HR Director; Candi Fox, CNO; Becky Gibson, RN, Admin. Asst.

Gayle Dodds called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.

1. Clemons, Rutherford and Associates, Inc. Presentation

The above firm was the first firm to present with a power point presentation. Bill Rutherford reviewed the firm's history stating that it was founded in 1960, had 43 employees with a high retention rate, and had worked on over 100 medical projects. Some of these projects included the new consolidated school, TMH's Urgent Care Center and Bixler ER, Southern Medical Offices and over 20 projects for Bay Medical. He stated that his firm had the experience, local expertise, are dependable and innovative and cost conscious. Mark Friedman asked what contractors the firm usually works with and Mr. Rutherford responded that he had a list he would give the board. He also stated that the biggest problem working with local contractors was finding skilled people to do the work involved and the problem of local people getting bonded. Curt Blair asked if there were any environmental issues here that may be a concern and was answered by a member of the firm that the only one was the sandy soil and that the firm has in-house personnel to deal with issues such as wetlands. They stated that they would use the best products available. The representatives of this firm left the meeting at 1:10 PM.

2. Barnett, Fronczak, Barlowe Architects, LLP Presentation (see attached)

The above firm joined the meeting at 1:20 PM and started with a power point presentation. Mr. Barnett presented a history of his firm stating that they had been involved with the Gibson Inn and the Consulate. He stated that they worked with a variety of contractors but would invite only qualified ones to bid. He stated that their relationship with civil engineers was a good one and that his firm would always look at ways to cut costs. Their presentation ended at 2:00 PM and they left the meeting.

3. TRO Jung/Brannon (see attached DVD)

Joe Bynum presented his firm's history, stating they had 325 staff members and over 60 years of experience in healthcare. In response to questions from the members, Mr. Bynum stated that this project would be run out of Birmingham, that his firm would initially sit down with the members and discuss what was desired. They would stay until the plan was developed to the satisfaction of the board. On the subject of engineers, Mr. Bynum stated that his firm had one on staff but that the client usually hires one. He stated that they could provide a turn-key project, but there are several types of turn-key, and that they could provide a Design-Build project, but the contractor and architect have to get along for this to succeed. When questioned on the distance his firm was from the area and his familiarity with contractors in the area, Mr. Bynum responded that the board needed to go the way they feel most comfortable. Mr. Bynum left the meeting at 2:45 PM.

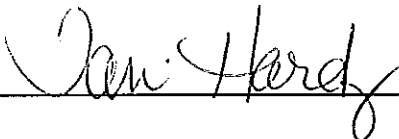
4. Board Discussion

The members discussed the pros and cons of each firm including experience, size, available staff, in-house vs. subbing out and cost effectiveness. The members voiced their preference would be that the firm chosen should have the most to offer in experience, staff and flexibility, that the firm needed to understand that communication was essential as the board will have ultimate approval, and that Mr. Colvert needs to be comfortable with the firm chosen. After discussion, Paul Marxsen made the motion to choose the firm of Clemons, Rutherford and Associates (CRA), seconded by Curt Blair and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Gibson, RN
Administrative Assistant

Approved



Date

