

November 22, 2022

The work-session of the Mason County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mason County Airport Terminal.

The meeting was called to order by Chair J. Andersen.

Roll call was taken. Present: N. Krieger, L. Squires, S. Hull, R. Bacon, J. Andersen.

Absent: G. Castonia, J. Hartley.

Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by S. Hull.

Motion by S. Hull and seconded by N. Krieger to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution to go into closed session. Motion carried.

Reading of Correspondence: none.

Public comment: none.

1. Mike Reen of Aspen Smart Networks provided suggestions to the Board to be able to partner with the County for a County-wide system from 7:05 p.m. until 8:22 p.m. At the end of the presentation, Commissioners and the public were able to ask questions of Mr. Reen. The project is estimated to take 2 to 3 years to build with the exception of supply chain issues due to COVID-19 and would cost the County an estimated \$60 million to \$75 million, with the final cost not completely determined at this time.

2. Brian Snider, Chief Executive Officer of Lit Communications and David J. Carrado, CEO of Medina County Fiber Network then reviewed via Zoom, a PowerPoint presentation until 9:10 p.m. Commissioners were then able to ask questions regarding their system. Community Education classes on how to use their system would be included with their system. It is estimated that it would take five years to build a system. Discussed was a five-year contract with three to four renewals not to increase beyond the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

At 9:34 p.m. the Zoom presentation was completed and the Commissioners then went into a discussion period. Administrator Knizacky noted that the Board needs to decide what type of a model they want to get involved in; whether or not they want to issue an RFP; whether or not to make it a ballot initiative to let the voters decide; whether or not to utilize grants- such as the Bead Grant or the Robin Grant, which both have specific regulations tied to them; or not proceed any further due to the costs. Significant discussion ensued with the Board needing to figure out what direction they wished to go.

Due to the length of presentations and discussions during the meeting, Board members were requested to review the multiple samples provided with regards to the senior citizen job descriptions and to forward to Administrator Knizacky on/or before December 13, 2022 each of their recommendations in order for Administrator Knizacky to create a job description.

10:18 p.m. Resolution was brought forward by Chair J. Andersen and seconded by N. Krieger to move into closed session. Motion carried.

The public present was requested to leave the meeting and Parliamentarian Krieger closed the door.

There was no other business:

Public comment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

CHERYL KELLY, COUNTY CLERK

JANET S. ANDERSEN, BOARD CHAIR