



Hardee County Public Schools School Board Agenda Analysis

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Subject: Recommendation to Approve Architectural Services of New Tennis Courts and Renovation of Building 9 Old HJH for Clubhouse/Storage

Background Information: Donna Parks, Sr. High testing coordinator and varsity girls tennis coach, applied for and was approved a recreational grant from the Hardee County Economic Development Authority on June 23, 2020. The grant was for Florida High School Athletic Association tennis courts built to industry standards on existing infrastructure and renovations to existing building to serve as restrooms, clubhouse and storage area. The new tennis court complex will be used by the Sr. High tennis team and will be used for tournaments.

We advertised in the Lakeland Ledger on November 19, 2020 and only received two proposals from Furr, Wegman & Banks, Architects, P.A and PBA Design Group. We rejected these bids and asked to re-advertise. On February 28, 2021 we advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and we submitted our project information to American Institute of Architects (AIA) chapters in Orlando, Tampa and Sarasota. Proposals were due on March 25, 2021. We received three proposals from ADG – Alliance Design Group, PRA – Plunkett Raysich Architects and Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects. A selection committee of six members met, reviewed the proposals and scheduled presentations from the firms. After the presentations the committee used an interview evaluation form and rubric to score the applicants as follows:

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Rank</u>
PRA	690	1
Furr, Wegman & Banks	646	2
ADG	639	3

Administrative Consideration (include F.S., Rule, Authority, etc.):

Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

- An agency shall publicly announce when architectural or engineering services are needed for a project estimated to cost \$325,000 or more. The agency shall request that qualified firms submit statements of qualifications and performance data.
- The agency shall evaluate the qualifications and other information and may require public presentations. The agency will competitively select at least three architectural/ engineering firms.
- The agency shall negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm with a reasonable compensation. If the agency is not able to negotiate a contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified, the agency shall begin negotiations with the second most qualified firm.

Fiscal Impact: The cost for architectural/ engineering services is estimated to be \$25,000 to \$30,000. The EDA recreational grant for the tennis court project is \$362,000.


Director of Finance signature: 

Superintendent's Recommendation to School Board: Recommend approval of architectural firms for new tennis courts and renovation of building #9 (old Jr. High) for tennis clubhouse/ storage, ranked PRA - Plunkett Raysich 1, Furr, Wegman & Banks 2 and ADG 3 and recommend staff to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked firm, with reasonable compensation.

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INTERVIEW EVALUATION FORM

Selection Committee:

- Todd Durden
- Barbara Spears
- Claire Cornell
- Greg Harrelson
- Donna Parks
- Brent Driskell - Absent
- Rob Krahi - Volunteer

	FINANCIAL STATEMENT	YEARS IN BUSINESS	TOTAL TECHNICAL STAFF	DISTANCE FROM SITE	REFERENCES	KNOWLEDGE SITE/LOCAL COND.	PROPOSED PROJ. STAFF FUNCT.	MBE UTILIZATION PLAN	INSURANCE PROGRAM	OVERALL APPROACH/METHODOLOGY	COST CONTROL/VALUE ENG.	SCHEDULING THIS PROJECT	ABILITY TO WORK WITHIN BUDGETARY TIMELINES	TOTAL	COMMENTS
					10	10	20	5	5	20	10	20	20	120	
Applicants:															
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.															
ADG - Alliance Design Group															
Todd Durden	X	31	10	74	10	10	20	5	5	19	10	19	19	117	Good presentation, experience good - can start project immediately. Visted proposed site a couple of times.
Barbara Spears	X	31	10	74	10	10	20	5	5	19	10	19	18	116	Made a good presentation and had good representation at site visit.
Claire Cornell					6	6	20	5	5	10	5	20	15	92	Called references, Some numbers were incorrect, when I spoke to the reference they said good things and were pleased with work. Some expressed how thorough they are (specifically Claude) and long standing good relationship. Some liked them so much they have a continuing contract with them.
Greg Harrelson					10	9	17	5	5	17	10	16	19	108	Good presentation and handout. Easy to follow and understand. Appreciate the estimated project cost at Cost Controls. Alternatives to five courts grouped together?
Donna Parks	X	31	10	74	10	9	17	5	5	15	10	18	18	107	Overall good presentation
Rob Krahi					8	10	20	5	5	15	6	15	15	99	No Comments
TOTAL														639	

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11:00 - 12:00 p.m.															
Furr, Wegman Architects															
Todd Durden	X	22	6	43	10	9	20	5	5	20	10	20	20	119	Many similar projects - Most experience with tennis courts. Very good experience with in county projects. Not as prepared in regards to site knowledge as other presentations. Can start project within a week. Past
Barbara Spears	X	22	6	43	10	8	19	5	5	18	10	20	20	115	Did not have a handout of their presentation to review later. I felt like they were not as prepared as the other two companies with knowledge of the site. They did have more experience in tennis court projects. Only one member of their team visited the site and had very few questions.
Claire Cornell					2	6	20	5	5	8	5	15	20	86	Unable to call references because contact info was not given. Only two reference "comments" given in presentation. I went back to the book they originally gave and all letters of reference were from 2009 (x3), 2012 (x1) and 2015 (x1). That makes those letters 12-6 years old. Company did not seem as prepared or excited about the project as other 2 presenters. When asked about an idea from a committee member the presenter said "I hope you see it my way". I do believe this company has the most experience in tennis courts by far. However, I am concerned about their excitement over the project and also willingness to listen to our needs/ wants.
Greg Harrelson					10	9	18	5	5	17	9	18	19	110	Extensive experience with K-12 clients and tennis courts. Considered keeping the existing basketball court base. Valuable suggestion during Q&A about specific asphalt to use. Survey and soil test vs. civil engineer? Possible exemption to SWFWMD permitting? Initially proposed five courts grouped together. Project possibly completed in 2021, before 2022 tennis season.
Donna Parks	X	22	6	43	10	8	15	5	5	10	10	18	20	101	Hard to follow presentation
Rob Krahl					10	10	20	5	5	15	10	20	20	115	
TOTAL														646	