

**CITY OF ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO  
HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
6:45 P.M., COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**CHAIRMAN RON GRIGGS  
VICE CHAIRMAN CHRIS LUJAN  
MEMBER ED COLE  
MEMBER MARION LEDFORD  
MEMBER JOE FERGUSON  
MEMBER ROBERT RENTSCHLER**

**MEMBER JOSH RARDIN  
MEMBER NINA WALKER SAENZ  
CITY MANAGER MARK ROATH  
CITY ATTORNEY STEPHEN THIES  
CITY CLERK RENEE CANTIN**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Griggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and Vice Chairman Lujan was absent.

1. Minutes of October 13, 2009.  
*Recommendation:* Approve the minutes.

**Member Ferguson moved to approve the Minutes. Member Saenz seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.**

2. Consider award of Public Works Bid No. 2009-017, Upgrade Electric Project Rebid Rewire Duplex Buildings for Housing Authority of the City of Alamogordo.

*Recommendation:* Award of bid to Fox Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$383,852.59, including NMGRT.

Evelyn Huff, Property Management Coordinator stated this is a bid that you are all familiar with and have seen before and we have re-bid it after tooling some of the work to clarify questions and this was the results of our re-bid.

**Vice Chairman Lujan joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.**

Commissioner Ferguson said he does not understand how the engineer came up with these cost because he has a cost of \$137,000 and a bid of \$383,000. Why is there such a big gap? Ms. Huff replied the Consulting Engineers on this project was Lowery Consultants from Albuquerque; but she believes there was a math error on this because if you look at the first item, the project total of \$152,000. There is no way that his project total can be \$137,000 if his first item is \$152,000. She does not think the engineers estimate correctly added up.

**Member Ferguson moved to approve the bid.**

Commissioner Cole asked if by chance there is an error on this, how would that be handled if we accept this bid tonight. Mayor Griggs said lets approach this with a second and then we will go to discussion.

**Member Rentschler seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Cole said his question is if we vote to approve this tonight and there is an error, how will that be handled? Will we have to go out to bid or do we correct the error and accept it? Ms. Huff explained that the City Manager reviewed the tabulation pages and said the error is only on the addition of the engineer's opinion but not on the actual bid tabulation for the one bidder that we had,

so the error is just on the engineers opinion and not the bid that was submitted. Commissioner Cole asked if that was part of the total bid. Ms. Huff said no, the engineer's opinion is just an opinion.

Commissioner Rentschler asked where they advertise this type of bid. Ms. Huff stated this one was advertised in the Albuquerque Journal and also in our daily news paper but did not get put into the Las Cruces paper. Commissioner Rentschler also asked how often it was advertised, once or multiple times. Ms. Huff stated this one was advertised once.

Commissioner Rentschler mentioned that it is unfortunate that we only have one bid and as a local contractor, he did not see the advertisement. It is not the type of thing that he can do but he knows of other companies within the city that would like to bid on something like this and he would much rather see someone local bid on this. Ms. Huff stated they would too. They did actually have three local contractors on a pre-bid walk through and we were disappointed that none of those contractors submitted a bid. Commissioner Rentschler said he was glad that they saw it and were on a walk through and you can't do better than that. Ms. Huff stated they were there and seemed so confident.

**Motion carried with a vote of 8-0-0.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Member Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Member Saenz seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 8-0-0.**

(SEAL)

*/s/Ron Griggs*

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Chairman Ron Griggs

ATTEST:

*/s/Reneé L. Cantin*

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Reneé L. Cantin, Secretary

*(Prepared by Marsha D. Brady, Deputy)*

*Approved at the Special Housing Meeting held on February 9, 2010.*