

A special meeting of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2014 in the commissioner's meeting room of the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pa.

**In attendance-**

Commissioner Al Ambrosini  
Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky  
Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink  
Chief Clerk Amy Revak  
Assistant Solicitor Sheryl Heid

Commissioner Zapotosky called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

A silent prayer was observed.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Public comment on agenda items**

**None**

**Commissioner Zapotosky** asked for a motion to consider the selection of the Architect/Engineer to perform design and engineering professional service for the Fayette County Prison Project.

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zapotosky and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerlink to hire Astorino of Pittsburgh as the architects/engineer to perform the design and engineering professional services for the county of Fayette prison project.

Commissioner Ambrosini abstain  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed 2-0-1**

**Public comment**

**Chris Bennett** asked what made them choose this company over any other company. Commissioner Zapotosky said they have experience, as a matter of fact, they built PNC Park. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they have experience in correctional design. Commissioner Zapotosky said they are very good. Commissioner Zimmerlink said the best answer is that they did an RFQ, a request for qualifications a year and a half ago and four firms answered the request for qualifications and those four firms were Crabtree Sleighter, Astorino, Piper O'Brochta and Kimball, RL Kimball. She said a

review committee of Commissioner Ambrosini, Sean Lally, Jim Killinger (the architectural team leader, Jim Custer, all four individuals rates those four firms and they recommended Crabtree, and you know everything that happened. She said those same four companies were again asked to submit a letter of interest to look at a project for renovation and/or expansion on site within the city limits and those same four companies responded. She said those same four companies came in and met together with Commissioner Ambrosini, Zimmerlink and Zapotosky and they were all well qualified and all had experience.

**Commissioner Ambrosini** said to be more specific Astorino has designed state correctional facilities but never a county facility and that is one of the reasons why a year or so ago we picked Crabtree. Mr. Bennett asked what the timeline is for it. Commissioner Zimmerlink said it is the same timeline as any other architect. Mr. Bennett asked what that timeline is. Commissioner Zimmerlink said they will be meeting with the selected architect and obviously having a first meeting with the stakeholder and stakeholders to design, build and do transition services.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Commissioner Zimmerlink and seconded by Commissioner Zapotosky to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Ambrosini yes  
Commissioner Zapotosky yes  
Commissioner Zimmerlink yes

**Motion passed unanimously**