



Grant County Fire District No. 8

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Board of Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Grant County Fire Protection District No. 8 (District) was held on May 8, 2025 for the purpose of opening sealed bids for the Garage Project. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom and information for the public to participate was posted on our website and at the main station April 29, 2025. The meeting was recorded by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Russell Brixey at 15:30 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Russell Brixey, Josh Seanard, and Debra Crain. A quorum was established.

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, members of the public

The members of the public were welcomed.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Crain. Second: Seanard. Motion approved unanimously.**

Garage Project Bid Opening: Chief collected the sealed bids from the contractors present. The first bid was from Gibson & Son Road Building in the amount of \$2,491,884.88. The second bid was from Halme Builders in the amount of \$2,144,340.00. There were no other bids. Chief announced that both bids were significantly over the \$800,000.00 budget and engineers estimate. He asked the contractors for feedback on the variances. Both contractors stated that some of the items specified in the plans were not standard materials or on the high end of the options available, which significantly increased their costs for the project. There was substantial discussion on some of the specifics.

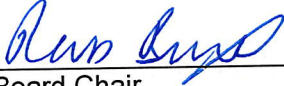
A motion was made to reject the bids and reengineer the building to bring the cost into an affordable range. **Motion: Seanard. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.**

Next steps

- Chief to regroup and simplify the building design specifications.
- Chief to explore options for a metal building design instead of the current plan.
- Davis to research a new engineer or architect from the MRSC professional roster.
- Chief to reach out to Dan from Halme Builders for guidance on value engineering the project to fit the budget.
- Chief to reconsider the building height and roof design for cost efficiency.
- Chief to review and adjust specifications for materials like siding and concrete thickness.
- Chief to reassess HVAC and propane tank specifications for cost reduction.
- Commissioners to schedule further discussion about the project redesign at the next meeting.


Additional Business: None

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 15:53 hours.



Board Chair
5-13-25

Date



District Secretary
5/13/2025

Date