RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-471

MEETING: September 9, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Wilson, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Approve an Agreement with Architectural Resources Group

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement with Architectural Resources Group (ARG) for the Design Development of Exterior Repairs to the Mariposa County Courthouse in the Not to Exceed Amount of $125,290, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

On June 10, 2014, ARG representatives presented their Final Report to the Board detailing their findings on the structural and historic health of the Courthouse. In their report ARG recommended a list of high priority maintenance items and improvements to the structural and electrical components of the Courthouse. The Board instructed Public Works staff to return with a contract to authorize the design and construction management of those high priority improvements.

There is adequate funding for this design agreement, but inadequate funding for all the construction recommended. The agreement provides for the consultant to complete final bid package for the priority work that can be completed within the available funding.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On May 14, 2013, the Board approved a contract with ARG for $79,750 to perform a thorough structural and historical review of the Courthouse and to recommend both short and long-term improvements.

On June 12, 2012, Public Works presented the Board of Supervisors with a report detailing the issues regarding the Courthouse and requested Board direction on possible ways to best address these issues.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board could choose not to award the contract to ARG. Doing so would mean that
needed repairs to the Courthouse would not be designed and may delay construction of the needed repairs to the Courthouse.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is sufficient funding in Fund 502, Courthouse Construction and Fund 503, MCCJF Construction budgeted in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for this Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:
ARG Professional Services Agreement(PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT:  ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES:  Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DOUG WILSON, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: TRACY GAUTHIER, Deputy Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve an Agreement with Architectural Resources Group (ARG) for the Design Development of Exterior Repairs to the Mariposa County Courthouse in the Not to Exceed Amount of $125,290, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 9, 2014

ACTION AND VOTE:

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Doug Wilson/Interim Public Works Director, presented staff report and overview. Gary Taylor/Assistant Director of Public Works – Operations, noted that that they have attended several Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission meetings to keep them informed as to their progress. Supervisor Cann and Gary Taylor discussed timing and the likelihood of continuing this project during the winter and of a timeframe for this item to come back to the Board.

Supervisor Jones asked if there is any way to reduce the cost of the agreement/consultants proposal. Gary Taylor responded explaining the design process and noted this could possibly be reduced, the funding is just a line item earmarked at this time, so all the cost for the consultant comes out of these funds and because it is a historical building having expertise would be helpful. Supervisor Jones commented that input from the Building department could assist and save money. Gary Taylor said he could set up a not to exceed amount clause.

Supervisor Carrier commented that we are looking at the electrical because of old wiring and fear of fire and he asked if we have to go with a shake roof or could we use something modern that appears to look like shake but will enhance safety issue. Gary Taylor responded that Public
Works researched a product that has been determined to be more fire resistant.

Supervisor Cann commented that this is a National Registered Historic Structure and expressed concern regarding the current condition of the roof and the possibility of new material being too heavy. Gary Taylor responded that the consultant is looking at possibly bracing up the roof system.

**Public comment open:**

Judge Walton expressed appreciation in delaying this item until he could be here and noted that the Court supports this item and feels is the right consultant to use. He then noted that Judge Elect Fagalde is present and he has been in consultation with him and will continue to keep him informed of what is occurring. He expressed concern regarding the amount but now recognizes that this is a time and material agreement and there is some wiggle room. He requested the Board approve this item and asked that they also recognize that there is a need for additional funds, and requested that the Board consider assisting with funding. Supervisor Cann asked if there is a committed amount within the Courts budget for this project, Judge Walton responded $240,000. Supervisor Cann spoke in support of completing all 3 phases at the same time to save money. Discussion was held regarding the electrical not being as bad as originally thought, it was noted that electric heaters are not used in the Courthouse and concerns were expressed regarding safety for the people and structure of the building.

**Public comment closed.**

It was requested that Public Works keep a close eye on the not to exceed amount. Gary Taylor responded that it could be set up to allow Tasks 1 - 4 to be completed but must obtain approval prior to moving on to additional tasks.

Supervisor Jones asked about the time frame of completion. Gary Taylor responded.

Supervisor Cann stated for the record that this will come out of fund 503 per the CAO, which currently holds $269,000. Gary Taylor noted the following minor changes: the date the contract will start is September 9, 2014, and the addition of the language to not move ahead to task 5 without written approval.

Supervisor Bibby moved to approve with the following changes: the date the contract will start is September 9, 2014, and add the language to not move ahead to task 5 without written approval. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion. Agreeable with mover and second. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

Cc: Judge Walton, Superior Court