RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-119

MEETING: March 8, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tony Stobbe, Public Works Director

RE: Approve Plans and Specification for the Exterior Repairs to the Mariposa County Courthouse Project

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Plans and Specification for the Exterior Repairs to the Mariposa County Courthouse project; Authorize the Public Works Director to Solicit Bid Proposals and Award Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder (Agreement Pending County Counsel Approval as to Form).

The plans and specification package is available for review with the Clerk of the Board.

This project will replace the Courthouse and Vault roof with like materials, repair the operation and appearance of doors and windows, remove loose paint on siding and trim, and repaint. The existing shutters will be removed and preserved during the project until a future determination is made regarding their historical accuracy. Non-visible work includes repair of foundation walls, reinforcement of sub-floor to support metal detection equipment, structural repairs to wooden trusses, structural bracing of the clock tower, and upgrades to interior electrical panels. Two option items are the installation of an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk and ramp to the front door including door actuators, and upgrades to the exterior facade lighting to enhance the appearance in evening/night conditions.

A design review application was filed with the Planning Department and this project was discussed at the February 8th meeting of the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission (HSRPC). This project is subject to locally adopted standards, implemented through the Historic Design Review Overlay Zone. Because the Courthouse is a structure listed (individually) on the National Register of Historic Places, Planning notes the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15064.5(b)(3):

"Generally, a project that follows the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings or the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and
Grimmer, shall be considered as mitigated to a level of less than a significant impact on the historical resource."

The approval and conditions from the Planning Department is attached.

It is the intent of Public Works to utilize a contract Project Manager during the construction phase of the project. The planned construction period is June-August, 2016.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board contracted with Architectural Resources Group (ARG) to prepare the design and specifications for the repairs to the Courthouse. During Final Budget Hearings the Board approved additional funding towards this project ($250,000).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board does not move ahead with these needed repairs the Courthouse will continue to deteriorate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Funding for this project is in the approved FY15-16, in Funds 502, 503, and 504.

ATTACHMENTS:
160216 HDR 2016-011 Courthouse (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 2/4/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier