MEETING: March 20, 2012
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director
RE: Reject Bid for the Lower Courtroom Remodel

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Reject the bid received from BC Construction for the Lower Courtroom Remodel project. In order to make room for a jury box, jury deliberation room and larger gallery, a remodel of the lower courtroom was requested.

On October 25, 2011, the Board of supervisors approved Plans and Specifications for the remodel of the lower courtroom at the County Courthouse to accommodate jury trials, and authorized the Director of Public Works to solicit bids for the project and execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

Only one bid was received from BC Construction, which was higher than the amount of the budget allocated for this project. Following receipt of the one bid staff met with Court staff and a joint decision was made to not award the project to BC Construction due to insufficient funding.

Since then staff has re-evaluated the project. Based on comments we received from contractors who did not bid on the project staff has further clarified the project requirements and adjusted the project schedule. We expect these changes will result in more interest from contractors and bid amounts are anticipated to be lower should the Court decide to pursue a second attempt at soliciting bids.

Recent conversations with Court staff indicate that they would like to delay the re-advertisement of the project at this time.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On January 14, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved the concept of a remodel to the lower courtroom at the Mariposa county Courthouse to accommodate jury trials. Final plans and specifications would be submitted to the Board at a future date for final approval.

On June 13, 2011, the Mariposa Historic Sites & Records Preservation Commission recommended approval of the required modifications.
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On October 17 the Historical Site Commission gave recommendation for final approval, including the restroom remodel.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Reject the low bid as recommended
2. Do not reject the low bid and direct staff to award the project to BC construction. This is not advised as staff has been told there are not sufficient funds to award the project and the Court has indicated that they would like to delay the project.

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Lee Stetson, Lyle Turpin, Kevin Cann, Jim Allen
EXCUSED: Janet Bibby
TO: PETER REI, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Items removed from Consent Agenda
RES. 12-136

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on March 20, 2012

ACTION AND VOTE:

CA13. Public Works RES-2012-136
Reject the Bid Received from BC Construction for the Lower Courtroom Remodel Project

Item 13 was pulled and separate action was taken at the end of the Consent Agenda.

Judge Walton/Superior Court asked that item 13 be pulled for input and separate action.
Supervisor Allen pulled item 13 and asked that it be taken after approval of the balance of the Consent Agenda while the Superior Court Judges were present.
Judge Walton stated he supports the rejection of the bid because it was significantly higher than the estimate that was first received for this project, and he believes that the other contractors were not willing to submit a bid because there were unanswered questions at the pre-bid meeting. He would like to have better information available for the rebid. Judge Parrish/Superior Court, stated he appreciates that a structural engineer will look at the Courthouse and he wants this to occur before the project is rebid. He expressed concern with the pending repairs issues with the Courthouse.

Discussion was held and Pete Rei/Public Works Director provided input relative to the status of the contract and work by the structural engineer/Thor Matteson.

Cc: File