

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPERATIONS & SAFETY COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

December 17, 2015

The Board of Directors Operations & Safety Committee met on December 17, 2015 at 10:03 a.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond, *Chair*
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Barbara Babbit Kaufman

MARTA officials in attendance were: Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak; Chief Financial Officer Gordon Hutchinson; Chief Administrative Officer Edward L. Johnson; Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Thomas; Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Elayne Berry (Interim), Wanda Dunham, Robin Henry, David Springstead (Interim) and Donald Williams (Acting); Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Director Joseph Erves; Directors James Biscoe (Interim), Lisa DeGrace, Johnathan Hunt, Pat Minnucci, John Murdock (Interim) and William Taylor; Executive Manager to the Board Rebbie Ellis-Taylor; Sr. Executive Administrator Brenda L. Williams; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Davis Allen, Eugene Alphonse, Jeter Barnhill, Abebe Girmay, Nicholas Gowens, Mark Harclerode and Srinath Remala.

Also in attendance Jim Schmid of HNTB; Sid Sparks of Virginkar & Associates, Inc.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of the November 30, 2015 Operations & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

On motion by Mrs. Hardage seconded by Mr. Daniels, the consent agenda was unanimously approved with a vote 5 to 0, with 5 members present.

Individual Agenda

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Non-Revenue Police Replacement Vehicles, RFP P36662

Mr. Taylor presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to award a contract for the procurement of Non-Revenue Police Replacement Vehicles, RFP P36662 to Wade Ford, Inc. a State of Georgia vendor under the Statewide Contract #99999-SPDES40199409-003 expiration date August 31, 2016, in the amount of \$541,686. The contract will provide MARTA Police with a total of twenty-three (23) new replacement vehicles to include twenty-two (22) 2016 Ford Taurus Pursuit Sedans and one (1) 2016 Ford Explorer Pursuit Utility Vehicle.

Mr. Daniels asked why was DBE goal not assigned on this contract.

Mr. Risco said the recommended vendor is a minority-owned business, but the owner's personal net worth does not meet the DBE qualifications.

Dr. Edmond said these programs were designed because certain groups were being shut out. MARTA still needs to hold this vendor to the same standards as they would any other.

Mr. Risco said MARTA will continue to push to ensure its DBE standards are satisfied.

Mr. Daniels said MARTA initially had a contract for Ford Crown Victoria vehicles.

Mr. Taylor said the Authority moved to the Ford Taurus after the Ford Crown Victoria was discontinued.

Mr. Griffin said the Georgia State Patrol drive Dodge vehicles, maybe there is a Statewide Contract for those. He asked if the recommended vendor is the only State of Georgia vendor that provides Ford vehicles.

Mr. Taylor said yes, for the cars that MARTA selected. He added that MARTA had performance issues with Dodge.

Mr. Griffin asked when did MARTA make the decision to go with Ford.

Mr. Taylor said that was decided between 2012-2013.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 7 members present.

Resolution Authorizing Rejection of the Single Bid Received for Hamilton Facility Renovations, CP B28228

Mr. Minnucci presented this resolution for Board of Directors' approval authorizing the General Manager/CEO or his delegate to reject the single bid received for Hamilton Facility Renovations, Contract Proposal Number CP B28228.

Dr. Edmond said eight Prime Contractors were interested, yet only one responded to the bid. He asked what can MARTA do to understand why that happened.

Mr. Minnucci said Contracts & Procurement conducted phone interviews in an attempt to answer that question. MARTA does recognize that this was a very large, complicated process, requiring major interior renovations and new construction. The contract specifications were very detailed and comprehensive.

Mr. Dallas asked how many acres are involved.

Mr. Minnucci said 32 acres.

Mr. Dallas asked if it would be less expensive to tear it down and build a new facility.

Mr. Minnucci said that would not be practicable. The Authority now plans to take the project in parts – construction of the CNG compressor station will be the first contract.

Mr. Dallas said demolition and reconstruction is sometimes cheaper.

Mr. Daniels said breaking up the project may increase the total dollar amount of the project. He asked what is timeframe for completion.

Mr. Minnucci said approximately seven years.

Mr. Krisak added that MARTA is looking at other alternatives, such as tearing down the facility and/or relocating it.

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Griffin, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 7 members present.

Other Matters

The Committee observed a moment of silence in memory of MARTA Officer Jesse Tarplin.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Operations & Safety Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m.