

## Washington Police Department

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TO: Mayor Manier, Jim Snider, Washington City Council

FROM: Chief Michael D. McCoy

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SUB JECT: Proposed Evidence Building Update

Below is the Council Report of June 3<sup>rd</sup> concerning the Evidence Building.

The purpose of this Memo is to bring you up to date on the status of the Washington Police Evidence Building. I will give the high points of where we have been and where we are currently.

The initial realization that a new evidence building was needed was first discussed in 2019.

In December of 2021 a survey of a Washington owned building, located at Jefferson and Main Streets., was conducted by nationally recognized Chamlin and Associates of Ottawa, Illinois. The findings of their tour and evaluation stated, "The above findings with the likely associated costs to repurpose the existing Public Works building to a proper evidence storage area along with the future needs of the department are such that the city of Washington should consider building a new facility that would best suit their current and future needs."

With this in mind, an RFQ (Request for Quote) was issued to determine an organization that had the experience and ability to work with the City of Washington and the Washington Police Department to propose a sight and structure that would satisfy the needs of an evidence structure for now and the future.

Through a structured process, Dewberry was selected to assist with all facets of constructing an Evidence building.

Meeting with Dewberry to provide a concept that included total estimated costs was held and the Conceptual Estimate, submitted on August 25, 2023, was estimated at \$5,233,012.00.

Understanding that this would not be an avenue that we would pursue, another design meeting was held, and all facets were re-evaluated keeping minimum evidence requirements in mind and an Conceptual Estimate Revision #1, submitted on September 12, 2023, came in at \$1,918,120.00.

Grants were obtained from Congressman Lahood (DOJ Grant) for \$ 583,000.00 and the State of Illinois (DCEO Grant for \$ 125,000.00) and a Discretionary Grant for \$ 170,000.00. The Washington Police had an additional \$ 300,000.00 in a current building fund.

\$300,000.00 additional came from Drug Enforcement, Alcohol Enforcement, Vehicle Seizure, Tow and Impound funds, FTA Warrant Fines and a Special Project Account that was from a donation. Partial CURES funds that were designated for public safety were also assigned to this project.

We have worked with Dewberry, for many meetings, to make the construction, design and equipping of this building basic, but conducive for the desired purpose.

Dewberry placed the required notices and sealed bids (Unit Price #1 and Alternate epoxy flooring) were submitted by PJ Hoerr, Peoria Metro, Bishop Brothers and D. Joseph Construction.

The details related to the four bids received are below:

	Basic Bid	Alternate Bid #1
Bishop Bros.	2,350,000	NA
D Joseph Const.	2,393,000	2,553,000
PJ Hoerr	2,337,400	2,383,400
Peoria Metro	2,364,900	2,376,900

As you can see, all bids are quite higher than the original estimate made by Dewberry. The reasons are that the utilities are NOT available at the location and must be provided and thus the price increases. The below timeline must be followed in order to have the Budget amendment approved within the 45-day deadline for the contract to be awarded.

Staff believes that the seamless epoxy systems on floor and walls are necessary and should be included in the finished product. Therefore, staff recommends that Council award the Alternate Bid # 1 (with seamless epoxy systems on floor and walls) to Peoria Metro. Upon such award shortfall and additional funding sources are as follows:



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Low bid from Peoria Metro	\$	2,376,900
Remaining owed to Dewberry		119,000
	\$	2,495,900
Budgeted for Evidence Building FY24-25		1,918,120
Budget shortfall	\$	577,780
Round for potential overages	\$	600,000
Recommended budget amendment		600,000
Funded through additional resources:		
Remaining CURES Grant		243,278
From General Fund Reserves		356,722
	\$	600,000

Upon review of the above June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Report to Council, by Attorney Braskich, Mayor Manier and City Administrator Jim Snider, It is recommended that we accept the low base bid of PJ Hoerr for construction of the Washington Police Evidence Building.