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The West Central Joint ETSB Equipment Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, by Equipment Committee Chairman Jason Wardell at the City of Jacksonville Municipal Building.

The following Equipment Committee members were present: Earlene Castleberry (Greene County), Steve Miller (Calhoun County), Jason Wardell (Murrayville-Woodson) via conference call, and Rick Whalen (Franklin/Waverly). Also present were board members Rodney Cox (Jacksonville), Eric Hansell (South Jacksonville), Rob McMillen (Greene County), Doug Sills (Jacksonville), Terry Woelfel (Calhoun County) via conference call, and Brad Zeller (Morgan County). In addition to Phil McCarty, Beth Hopkins, and Amy Jackson, also present were Coty Cooper and David Gelyana of Mission Critical Partners.

There was discussion over proposals from Mission Critical Partners and Mazitello Professional Services for the MCERN replacement project. Mission Critical Partners indicated a willingness to submit a new/revised proposal which would reflect pricing of professional services through HGAC or GSA joint purchasing contracts. Pricing through HGAC or GSA joint purchasing contracts would result in a decrease of the original bid price. Discussion followed regarding whether this would be a viable option.

There was extensive discussion over the costs of the proposals from each vendor. Following discussion Steve Miller made a motion to table for tonight and request new proposals. The motion died without a second.

There was a motion by Eric Hansell, seconded by Rick Whalen, to recommend to the full board to reject both proposals. Following discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Amy Jackson reminded the committee that when considering proposals for professional services, decisions can be based on qualifications and on the ability to provide the required services, as opposed to price.

Following further discussion, and without apparent consensus among the present committee members, it was decided to take the discussion to the full board for further consideration and possible action. Accordingly, a motion was made by Earlene Castleberry, seconded by Steve Miller, to adjourn the equipment committee meeting. Motion carried.