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Bloomfield, Missouri - Our beloved old courthouse in downtown Bloomfield is preparing for a facelift. The Stoddard County Commission held a Pre-Bid meeting for the Stoddard County Courthouse cupola project. Representatives from R.L. Persons Construction and Pyramid Roofing were present for the meeting. The bid opening officially began on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. .

Dale Rogers, an architect, with Robert Stearnes and Associates led the meeting explaining what needed to be done and outlined specifications and requirements for the work.

"Three contractors have requested paperwork on this project," Rogers stated. "They are R.L. Persons Construction of Poplar Bluff, Sides Construction of Cape Girardeau, and Keifner Brothers of Cape Girardeau."

Stoddard County received a \$70,000 grant from the Missouri Department of National Resources, State Historic Preservation Office. They required the county to contribute \$30,000 in county funds for the restoration as well.

Listed as primary work to be completed are:

- * Structural repairs for the cupola framing and floors of the cupola and attic
- * New Louver header and spire support
- * Removal of wood louvers and replacement with new wood louvers

* New sheet metal flashings and sealants

Rogers also explained that the bid would include three alternates, if and only if there was enough money available for these projects. They are application of fluid applied roofing, the use of metal and PVC louvers, and painting flashing and counter flashing.

Rogers also distributed to the contractors present a list of requirements that must be met. He noted that the control arms on the clock in the cupola will be removed prior to any work being performed.

The completion date for the Stoddard County Courthouse is May 31, 2016.

Present at the County Commission Pre-Bid Meeting were Carol Jarrell and Danny Talking. Also present were Dale Rogers, Jeff Alford of R.L. Persons, and Lloyd Stoner and Ed Pike of Pyramid Roofing.

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