

CHAPTER 1120

REPAIR OR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

S. F. 2107

AN ACT relating to contract and bidding procedures for the repair or construction of county buildings.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section three hundred thirty-two point seven (332.7), Code 1977, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

332.7 CONTRACT AND BID REQUIREMENTS--EMERGENCY REPAIRS.

1. If the probable cost of constructing or repairing a county building will exceed five thousand dollars, the county building shall be constructed or repaired only after bid proposals for the construction or repair have been invited by advertisement once each week for three consecutive weeks in all of the official newspapers of the county in which the work is to be done and under an express written contract. The detailed plans and specifications for such improvements shall be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the auditor of the county in which the work is to be done before advertisement for bids.

2. If the probable cost of constructing or repairing a county building will not exceed five thousand dollars, the county building shall be constructed or repaired under an express written contract awarded through the formal bidding procedures specified in subsection one (1) of this section or through informal bidding procedures by notifying in writing at least three qualified bidders at least two weeks before letting the contract, except for repairs specified in subsection three (3) of this section. The informal bids received and a statement of the reasons for use of the informal procedure and bid acceptance shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting of the board of supervisors at which such action is taken.

3. The provisions of subsections one (1) and two (2) of this section shall not apply to the repair costs of a county building which do not exceed five hundred dollars or to costs for emergency repairs not exceeding two thousand dollars which are necessary to prevent further damage to a building and which reasonably cannot be delayed in compliance with the

time requirements of the formal or informal bidding and contracting procedures provided for in this section. The minutes of the meeting of the board of supervisors at which expenditures for such repairs are approved shall contain a statement explaining the need for such repairs and the reasons why the formal and informal bidding and contracting procedures specified in this section could not be followed.

4. Each contract for the repair or construction of a county building shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder at a time and place which shall be stated in any advertisement or written notice required under subsection one (1) or two (2) of this section. On the day specified for the awarding of a contract, the board of supervisors may adjourn the proceedings to a later time and place, of which all parties shall take notice. The board of supervisors may reject all bids and advertise or give notice for new bids as provided in this section.

Approved June 2, 1978

CHAPTER 1121

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE

H. F. 2246

AN ACT extending liability and errors and omissions insurance to appointed county officers, township trustees, and employees of the township.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section three hundred thirty-two point thirty-six (332.36), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

332.36 COUNTY INDEMNIFICATION FUND IN STATE TREASURY. There is created in the office of the treasurer of state a fund to be known as "the county indemnification fund" to be used to indemnify and pay on behalf of any ~~elected~~ county officer, any township trustee and any deputies, assistants or employees of the county or the township, all sums that such officers, deputies, assistants or employees are legally obligated to pay because of their errors or omissions in the performance of their official duties, except that the first five hundred dollars of each such claim shall not be paid from this fund.