

The Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida met in special session on this Tuesday, March 18, 1941 pursuant to adjournment of March 11 with the following members present and participating, Chairman W. T. Ray, Commissioners G. M. Bishop, J. W. Weeks, M. M. Adkison, and J. J. Ward being all the members of said Board together with R. B. Underwood, Clerk. The following proceedings were had and done.

The Chairman announced that this meeting was for the purpose of considering bids on jail cell equipment as advertised and all to avoid any misunderstanding by the Prison Equipment Contractors bidding to sell Walton County this equipment, the bidders were called before the Board and advised that although the prison equipment specifications stated that window guards for the outside windows in the emergency cells were to be furnished, the bids were to be submitted covering the furnishing of outside window guards for all windows in the main cell, the women's cells, emergency cells, detention wards and that the bids might be on the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " vertical bars as stated in the specifications or that they might be on 1" vertical bars as provided in the addendum heretofore issued. This being understood and the bidders having been given time to correct their bids accordingly, the Chairman announced that the bids would now be opened.

The following bids were opened and read in the words and figures as follows, to-wit:-

March 17, 1941

Mr. R.B. Underwood, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Walton County
DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Jail Equipment
Walton County Jail
DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

We propose to furnish for the above job, material as listed below, same to conform to plans prepared by Yonge & Hart, Archts., Pensacola, Florida, consisting of none sheets dated June 5, 1940.

All Jail Equipment as shown on plans and as called for in specifications, pages 1 to 14 inclusive, but based on the vertical walls in felon cage being 8' high instead of 9' high as shown on drawings: also based on furnishing 1" tool-resisting round vertical bars in the felon cage and window guards spaced so that the grating will weigh not less per square foot than the grating specified;

All the above f. o. b. cars, with freight allowed to DeFuniak Springs, Florida and including the services of a competent Superintendent, together with necessary tools, to supervise the erection of this equipment; for the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six (\$13,656.00) Dollars.

The above price is based on furnishing you our latest and most improved locking mechanism the same as we installed in the District of Columbia Jail, Washington, D.C., and have models of same herein the City of DeFuniak Springs, which we will be pleased to demonstrate to your Board.

Respectfully submitted,
DECATUR IRON & STEEL COMPANY
By Frank Scroggins

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We, DECATUR IRON & STEEL COMPANY, a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby make, constitute and appoint, Frank Scroggins, of Decatur, State of Alabama, our true and lawful attorney, for us and in our name, to enter into a contract with the Owners, Walton County, DeFuniak Springs, Florida for the furnishing and installation of Jail Equipment in the Walton County Jail at DeFuniak Springs, Florida and to do and perform all necessary acts in the execution and prosecution of the aforesaid business in as full and ample a manner as we might do and if we were personally present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 17th. day of March, 1941.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

DECATUR IRON & STEEL COMPANY

ATTEST: R.L. Stephenson,
R.L. Stephenson, Secretary

By C.A. Ballentine, Vice-President
C.A. Ballentine, Vice-President.

March 18th, 1941.

Board of County Commissioners,
Walton County,
DeFuniak Springs, Florida

Re: Proposal for Prison Equipment
for Walton County Jail,
DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Having examined the plans and specifications for the above mentioned work prepared by

ounge & Hart, Architects, Pensacola, Florida, we hereby propose to furnish and deliver f. o. b. cars DeFuniak Springs, Florida, the Prison Equipment specified on pages 1 to 14 inclusive, of the Prison Equipment Specifications and as shown on the said Plans, and furnish an experienced Superintendent to supervise the installation of the equipment, all for the total sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$15,800.00).

This proposal is based on furnishing our Standard Type Fully Selective Cell Door Locking and Operating Device.

This proposal is contingent upon strikes, riot, war or any unforeseen difficulty beyond our control, including difficulty or delay in procuring or transporting suitable labor, material or equipment.

Due to the Rearmament Program and other work pending, this proposal is made for prompt acceptance and is conditional upon the execution of a mutually satisfactory form contract between us.

We are confident of our ability to serve you to advantage and will genuinely appreciate your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHERN PRISON COMPANY

By H.L. Dreeke
H. L. Dreeke

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March 17, 1941

Mr. R.B. Underwood
Clerk to Board of Commissioners
Walton County
DeFuniak Springs, Florida;

Re: Walton County Jail
DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Gentlemen:

We propose to furnish, deliver to building site all the steel jail equipment for the Walton County Jail, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, strictly according to plans and specifications as prepared by architects, Yonge and Hart; also furnish superintendent to supervise erection of jail equipment, (you to furnish all labor for erection), all for the net sum of \$17,362.00.

Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-two Dollars.

We propose to give you a first-class job in every respect, being that we are one of the largest regularly engaged steel jail and prison equipment manufacturers in the United States.

Yours very truly,

FRIES & SON STEEL CONSTR. & ENG. CO.
By Daniel Fries
Daniel Fries, Sr. Partner

March 15, 1941.

Re: Jail Equipment, New Walton
County Jail Building

Board of County Commissioners
Walton County, Florida.
DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Attention: R.B. Underwood, Clerk.

Gentlemen:-

Subject to prompt acceptance we are pleased to quote you the lump sum price of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$17,925.00), freight allowed to DeFuniak Springs, Florida, including erection Superintendent, on prison equipment specification pages 1 to 14 inclusive and supplement, also jail equipment drawing for above job.

All type A grating to be fabricated of double ribbed vertical bars 1" in diameter, 4" center to center and 2 1/2" by 3/8" horizontal bars 12" center to center.

Window guards not specified tool resisting steel to be furnished 1" in diameter ribbed vertical bars of open hearth material. This refers to window guards in guards corridors, detention room and womens cells.

We are to furnish superintendent only for erection, all labor to be furnished by you.

If alternate is required according to alternate drawing, add One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the above price.

We are mailing under separate cover our drawings of standard jail equipment. We can submit models if required.

The above quotation is based on present mill prices of jail steel, should mills increase price before shipment is made you are to pay the difference in cost of material.

Materials are subject to mill delivery and shipment can be made in about ninety days from time we receive material from steel mill.

As you know defense orders have priority and deliveries from mills are slow on tool resisting steel, we therefore suggest that you delay this work if possible until after defense program is completed as you will no doubt get better prices and deliveries at future date.

Yours very truly,

ORNAMENTAL IRON & PRISON WORKS,

J. R. Cogar, President.

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Mar. 18, 1941

Hon. Board of County Commissioners,
Walton County
DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Gentlemen:

We hereby propose to furnish and supervise the installation of all steel cell equipment to be installed in the Walton County Jail at DeFuniak Springs, Florida, in accordance with plans and specifications as prepared by Yonge and Hart, Architects, and as amended by addenda issued by Mr. R.B. Underwood,

for the sum of . \$17,400.00

This proposition is based strictly on the plans and specifications modified only to conform to our standard construction. The tool resisting grating we are proposing to furnish will be of equal weight per square foot as that specified and as per model exhibited.

Respectfully submitted,

Manly Jail Works

By W.J. Manly

It is understood that the three emergency guards will be as specified and that the remaining fifteen guards will be constructed of tool resisting steel. Vertical bars of guards to be not less than 1" round spaced 4" o.c. passing through flat horizontals of 2½" x 3/8" spaced not over 12 o.c.

March 15, 1941

Mr. R.B. Underwood, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Walton County,
DeFuniak Springs, Florida

Re: Jail Cell Equipment
Walton County Jail
DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Dear Sir:

We propose to furnish all Jail Cell Equipment and Erection Superintendent to supervise erection of this equipment, and to furnish delivered to building site, all Steel Window Guards and Steel Entrance Doors to be built into the masonry wall by the General Contractor, for the above mentioned job, in accordance with plans and specifications drawn by Yonge & Hart, Architects, Pensacola, Florida, for the sum of Nineteen thousand eight hundred sixteen dollars (\$19,816.00) net, delivered.

In the event we are the successful bidder on this contract, we will be glad to submit models, samples, etc, as required by the specifications.

Yours very truly,

ROANOKE IRON & BRIDGE WORKS, INC.

O.D. Oakey, Jr., Vice-President.

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The Board then, after observing the workings of the models demonstrated by the various bidders, and after much discussion, voted unanimously to accept the proposal of the Decatur Iron and Steel Company, the same being the lowest proposal, upon the motion of Commissioner Adkison seconded by Commissioner Weeks. It was ordered that the Decatur Iron and Steel Company enter into a 100% performance bond in connection with the execution of the contract and that the contract be executed by the Company and sent to this Board for execution. It was further ordered that the Chairman and Clerk of this Board execute this contract upon its being received duly executed by the Decatur Iron and Steel Company and accompanied by a performance bond in the amount of the contract.

Mr. F. Scroggins, representing the Decatur Iron and Steel Company, low bidder and

Contractor, appeared before the Board and advised that in his opinion the Board could save money by changing some of the requirements in the Specifications and that a better jail might be made by further changes in the plans and specifications. The Board requested Mr. Scroggins to reduce his recommendations to writing and submit the same to the Board at a meeting to be held on Monday March 24 at which time the Board would act on the recommendations.

Thereupon, the Board adjourned to meet in special session on Monday, March 24, at 9 o'clock.

Attest  Clerk

Approved _____ Chairman