

The adjourned regular meeting of March 23rd, 1903. of the directors of the Eau Claire Public Library was held at the office of W. J. Starr, on Monday evening, April 6th, 1903, at 7:30 o'clock.

The following directors were present: Directors Starr, Allen, Halvorson, Frawley, Gross, Cotten and Lockwood. There were also present, Mr. Miller of the firm of Patton & Miller, of Chicago, and Messrs. Hoepfner & Bartlett of the firm of Hoepfner & Bartlett Co., of Eau Claire.

The reading of the record of the last meeting was dispensed with. The building committee reported that a number of bids had been mailed in one envelope by Patton & Miller of Chicago, on Saturday evening, April 4th, 1903, and the post mark on the envelope showed that they arrived in Eau Claire on Sunday morning, April 5th, 1903; and, contrary to the custom of the postal authorities, had been delivered at Mr. Cotten's residence on the evening of April 6th, 1903, so that they were not on hand to be opened with the other proposals. City Attorney Wickham informed the board by telephone that there was no statute covering the subject and that as long as neither the bidders nor the board were at fault and the bids were in the post office at the time when all the proposals were opened, that the board had a perfect right to use its discretion in the matter.

On motion of Director Frawley seconded by Director Allen it was voted to consider all bids which had been received.

The building committee further reported as follows:

"Eau Claire, Wisconsin, April 6, 1903.

Board of Directors, Eau Claire Public Library,

Eau Claire, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Your Building Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Bids for the new library building were advertised for in the following newspapers:

The Eau Claire Telegram for one week beginning March, 10, 1903; The Eau Claire Leader for one week beginning March 11, 1903; The Pioneer Press of St. Paul, for one week beginning March 12, 1903; The Milwaukee Sentinel for one week beginning March 12, 1903.

The advertisements for bids in all of said papers stated that bids would be received up to noon, April 6, 1903.

Your Committee, together with Mr. G. C. Miller, architect, of the firm of Patton & Miller, W. J. Starr, President of the Board of Directors, and nearly all of the contractors, met in the Ingram Block. at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. The bids were all opened and canvassed and are herewith submitted.

In addition our architect submits the following estimates of the miscellaneous work not covered by the foregoing bids:

Gas and electric fixtures.	\$400.00.
Decorations.	800.00.
Decorated glass,	260.00.
Window shades,	100.00.
Delivery counter,	250.00.

Table,	\$ 50.00.
Furniture,	800.00.
Local superintendent,	350.00.
Gas piping,	125.00.
Architect's fees,	<u>1900.00.</u>
Total,	\$5035.00.

Since canvassing the bids this afternoon your Committee discovered the fact that the Eau Claire Cornice & Heating Co., in submitting its proposal, mentions plumbing only, while the specifications call for plumbing, sewerage and gas fitting. In the event the Eau Claire Cornice & Heating Co's. proposal covers plumbing only, we recommend the acceptance of the proposal of W. H. Hobbs, whose proposition is to put in place all the plumbing, gas fitting and sewer work as specified by the architects. for the sum of \$796.00.

Your committee recommends that the bids herewith submitted be placed on file with the secretary of the Board of Directors and by him recorded in the proceedings of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Lawrence

Building Committee."

The following bids were then considered:

General Contract:

E. P. Strandberg & Bros., Chicago,	\$43619.00.
Butler Bros., St. Paul,	42513.00.
Joshua Watts, Chicago.	39800.00.

Chippewa Falls Construction Co., Chippewa Falls.	\$38222.28.
Winchester & Cullen, Janesville,	33079.00.
Knudson & Thompson Bros., Neenah,	32769.00.
F. M. Garthwait, Chicago.	32500.00.
Hoeppner & Bartlett, Eau Claire, original bid,	26980.00.
" " with Bedford stone added,	29646.00.

Tile Roofing and Sheet Metal Work:

L. Franz & Son, St. Paul. tile roofing,	\$ 875.00.
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(This bid does not mention the sheet metal work)

Bremer & Bielenberg, Chicago.	1752.00.
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Harry C. Knisely Co., Chicago,	1600.00.
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La Crosse Steel Roofing & Corrugating Co., La Crosse,	1550.00.
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Steam Heating:

Eau Claire Cornice & Heating Co., Eau Claire,	2071.00.
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Thomas Innes, Rhinelander,	2050.00.
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E. J. McDonough, Milwaukee,	1995.00.
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W. H. Fox, Eau Claire,	1919.90.
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W. H. Hobbs, Eau Claire.	1872.00.
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· Spear & Hansen Co., Chicago,	1693.00.
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Plumbing, Sewerage and Gas Piping:

W. H. Hobbs, Eau Claire.	796.00.
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Eau Claire Cornice & Heating Co. (Bid mentions plumbing only),	675.00.
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Verbal statements made after bid received
not accepted by Board.

Cut Stone Work:

Wm. H. Ulmer, St. Paul, \$6995.00.

P. Schmidt & Co., Milwaukee, 6222.00.

Electric Wiring:

M. J. O'Neill, St. Paul, Minn. This bid was not accompanied by a certified check.

Eau Claire Light & Power Co., Proposal accompanied by a certified check for \$15.00.

Cuthbert & Black, Chicago. Proposal accompanied by certified check for \$10.00.

A general discussion of the proper material to be used then took place; Bedford stone, Colfax stone, and Dunville stone all being duly considered.

On motion of Director Cotten seconded by Director Allen it was voted that Bedford stone be used unless the contractors be notified by the building committee on or before April 15th, 1903, that Colfax stone could be used in place of Bedford stone at the reduction in cost of \$500.00.

On motion of Director Frawley seconded by Director Allen it was voted that the general contract be awarded to Hoepfner & Bartlett Co., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for \$30004.40 as per specifications, upon presentation of proper bond and on execution of contract.

On motion of Director Gross seconded by Director Halvorson it was voted that the contract for tile roofing and sheet metal work be awarded to Harry C. Knisely Co., of Chicago, Illinois, for \$1600.00, upon presentation of proper bond and on execution of contract.

Upon motion of Director Gross seconded by Director Halvorson it was voted that the contract for heating and

ventilating be awarded to Spear & Hanson Co., of Chicago, Illinois, for \$1693.00 as per specifications, upon presentation of proper bond and on execution of contract.

On motion of Director Allen seconded by Director Gross it was voted that the plumbing, sewerage and gas piping contract be awarded to W. H. Hobbs, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for \$796.00 as per specifications, upon presentation of proper bond and upon execution of contract.

The proposals for electric wiring were not considered and were referred to the building committee with power to act, on motion of Director Frawley seconded by Director Halvorson.

Director Halvorson then moved that the selection of combination gas and electric fixtures not to exceed in cost \$500.00, the decorations not to exceed in cost \$800.00, and the decorated glass not to exceed in cost \$300.00, be left with the architect. This motion was seconded by Director Frawley and was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

W. J. Lawrence Secy
