

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Change Order No. 1 – Creekside Elementary Entrance Construction Project

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Creekside Elementary Entrance Construction Project with JW Oliver Construction.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 with JW Oliver Construction in the amount of \$111,952.42 for additional utility infrastructure and pump station improvements necessary to support the Creekside Elementary Entrance Project and associated force main connections.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County awarded the Creekside Elementary Entrance Construction Project under #25-ITB-097 for roadway and traffic improvements associated with the new Creekside Elementary School entrance along Blue Jay Road. The original project scope included roadway widening, turn lane construction, drainage improvements, signage, striping, traffic control measures, and limited utility relocation coordination.

During construction and utility coordination efforts, additional sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements were identified that were not included in the original bid scope but are necessary to complete the project and support the force main connection associated with the project

The proposed Change Order includes:

- Installation of pumps and piping within an existing structure
- Installation of a vault and associated valves
- Installation of a control panel
- Electrical wiring from the owner-provided power service
- Associated piping and appurtenances, including an Air Release Valve (ARV)
- Tie-in to the existing force main on the opposite side of Blue Jay Road

The total gross value of the proposed work is \$199,952.42; however, the contractor provided a deduct credit of \$88,000.00 for reduced jack-and-bore work quantities, resulting in a net Change Order amount of \$111,952.42. The contractor's pricing proposal includes labor, materials, equipment, electrical subcontractor work, and underground boring operations necessary to complete the additional utility infrastructure improvements.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Change Order No. 1
2. Do not approve
3. Provide staff with direction

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments: Change Order Proposal