

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Award of Contract for Gateway Parkway Extension Construction

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**Meeting Date:** 08/05/2025

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve a construction contract award to J W Oliver Construction, Inc. for the Gateway Parkway Extension Project as specified in the Invitation to Bid Number 25-ITB-092.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve the construction contract award to J W Oliver Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,536,229.16.

### **Executive Summary/Background:**

Effingham County issued ITB No. 25-ITB-092 to solicit competitive bids for the construction of the Gateway Parkway Extension. This infrastructure project includes the development of approximately 4,850 linear feet of a three-lane asphalt roadway that will connect Hodgeville Road to Effingham Parkway. The scope of work also includes drainage improvements and the installation of 5,100 linear feet of 20-inch water main, with associated valves, hydrants, and fittings installed using open-cut construction methods.

Bids were received by the July 10, 2025 deadline, with five contractors submitting proposals. J W Oliver Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid at \$4,536,229.16. Evaluation of the bid confirmed compliance with project requirements and adequate qualifications. The project was designed by Hussey Gay Bell, which will serve as the County's construction administrator.

The contract includes a construction period of 330 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed, and liquidated damages are established at \$1,169.00 per day for late completion.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve the contract award to J W Oliver Construction, Inc.
2. Reject all bids and direct staff to reissue the solicitation.
3. Provide staff with additional direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Procurement, Engineering, County Manager

**Funding Source:** FY2026 Capital Budget - TSPLOST

**Attachments:** Bid Evaluation Tabulation, Construction Contract with J W Oliver