

Staff Report

Subject: Task Order #5 for Right-of-Way Services – Blue Jay Road Waterline & Multi-Use Trail

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

Meeting Date: December 16, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve Task Order #5 under the On-Call Right-of-Way Professional Services Contract with JMT for the Blue Jay Road Waterline & Multi-Use Trail.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board approve Task Order #5 with JMT for Right-of-Way services associated with the Blue Jay Road Waterline and Multi-Use Trail project for \$170,165.00.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County is undertaking a utility and pedestrian infrastructure improvement project along Blue Jay Road extending west of Midland Road to Effingham Parkway. As part of this initiative, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and related professional services are required to support easement procurement and property owner engagement.

Task Order #5 outlines services including:

- ROW project management
- Property owner meetings
- Appraisals (388C Strip and 388N Before-and-After)
- Cost to cure estimates
- Negotiation/offer services
- Donations and closing packages

The ROW services are essential to ensure timely acquisition of necessary property rights and to meet project delivery timelines. The scope includes services for approximately **33 parcels**, and the work is to be performed under the County's existing on-call contract with JMT. The breakdown of costs and services is detailed in the attached task order.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Task Order #5 with JMT in the amount of \$170,165.
2. Do not approve the task order and provide alternate direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: FY2026 Capital Improvement Projects

Attachments: Task Order #5 – JMT Proposal (Dated 12/1/2025)