

## Staff Report

**Subject:** CO #7 to Architectural Engineering Service Proposal with DPR for South Effingham Fire Station #8

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**Department:** Procurement, Engineering

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**Item Description:** Consideration to approve Change Order #7 to the architectural and engineering services contract with DPR Architects for additional design and engineering services associated with the South Effingham Fire Station #8 project.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of Change Order #7 to the existing architectural and engineering services contract with DPR Architects.

### Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County previously entered into a professional services contract with DPR Architects on April 13, 2020, for architectural and engineering services covering multiple County facilities. The South Effingham Fire Station #8 project was included within the overall contract scope. As the project has progressed, additional architectural, structural, civil, and engineering services have been required to support the updated site plan, utility extensions, drainage improvements, and geotechnical conditions associated with the South Effingham Fire Station #8 location on Ladessie-Zeigler Road. These additional services were not fully anticipated in the original scope of work.

Change Order #7 provides for expanded design and engineering services, including but not limited to:

- Architectural, structural, and MEP design services for Fire Station #8
- Civil engineering, surveying, and site engineering
- Drainage improvements within the Highway 30 right-of-way
- Geotechnical services and Level III soil survey
- Permitting, project management, and construction phase services
- As-built surveying

The proposed Change Order #7 increases the contract by \$67,200.00, resulting in a revised total contract amount of \$453,400.00. These services are necessary to complete design development and support construction readiness for the South Effingham Fire Station #8 project.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Change Order #7 to the architectural and engineering services contract with DPR Architects.
2. Do not approve the change order.
3. Provide staff with direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Engineering and Procurement

**Funding Source:** FY 26 Capital Improvement Project Budget

**Attachments:** Change Order Request #7 – DPR Architects, Updated Site Plan – South Effingham Fire Station #8