

Staff Report

Subject: EOM Task Order 10 – Westwood Heights Drainage Improvements

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Item Description: Consideration to approve Task Order 10 with EOM Operations for the construction of Westwood Heights Drainage Improvements.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Task Order 10 with EOM Operations for drainage improvements in the Westwood Heights Subdivision in the amount of **\$2,865,460.50**.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County initially solicited formal bids for the Westwood Heights Drainage Improvements project under ITB 23-ITB-064. The project was advertised publicly and followed all applicable procurement procedures. However, only one bid was received, and the pricing came in significantly higher than expected at \$3,688,184.00.

Due to the lack of competitive responses and the high cost, staff evaluated alternative procurement options that would remain in compliance with the County's Purchasing and Procurement Policy. The County Engineer subsequently engaged with EOM Operations—already under a Board-approved Master Services Agreement—to explore the feasibility of delivering the project through an existing Task Order structure.

EOM received a competitive proposal from Savannah River Utilities to complete the work, and structured a Task Order accordingly under their contract. Under this approach, EOM will manage the work as the prime contractor, with Savannah River Utilities serving as a subcontractor under their direction. The County will contract solely with EOM and will not have any direct contractual relationship with the subcontractor.

This alternative approach allows the County to deliver the project at a reduced cost of \$2,865,460.50, while maintaining oversight, compliance, and contractual protections under the EOM Master Services Agreement.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve Task Order 10 with EOM Operations under the Master Services Agreement for FY25 in the amount of \$2,865,460.50
2. Decline to proceed with Task Order 10 and rebid the project, with no guarantee of improved pricing or bidder response.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: County Manager, Finance

Funding Source: Operations

Attachments: Task Order 10, EOM Master Services Agreement