

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Award Recommendation for 25-ITB-077 Baker Park Construction

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**Department:** Parks and Landscaping, Project Management, Procurement

**Meeting Date:** January 21, 2025

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve the award recommendation and execution of the construction contract for Baker Park, Bid 25-ITB-077, with C. Merrill Construction.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends award of the Baker Park Construction Project (Bid 25-ITB-077) to C. Merrill Construction in the amount of \$3,376,000.00.

### Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB No. 25-ITB-077) for the Baker Park Construction Project, which encompasses renovations and new installations, including:

- Renovation of a 490-square-foot restroom building.
- Construction of four pickleball courts with lighting.
- Installation of asphalt parking areas, ornamental fencing, and sidewalks.
- Addition of a kayak launch, fishing pier, and dog park fencing.

Three bids were received and evaluated:

1. **C. Merrill Construction:** \$3,376,000.00 (lowest responsive and responsible bid).
2. Marchese Construction: \$3,533,490.97.
3. Griffin Contracting, Inc.: \$4,178,787.00.

C. Merrill Construction met all specifications and qualifications. The project duration is 260 calendar days from the notice to proceed, with liquidated damages applicable for delays.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the award of Bid 25-ITB-077 to C. Merrill Construction and authorize execution of the contract.
2. Do not approve the contract and provide staff with direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** County Manager, Project Management, County Engineer, Procurement

**Funding Source:** 2025 FY Budget

**Attachments:** Contract 25-ITB-077 and bid tabulation