

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Ratification of Construction Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant 24-ITB-065

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**Meeting Date:** January 7, 2025

**Item Description:** This is a request for the Board of Commissioners to ratify the construction contract awarded to Ruby-Collins, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project under ITB 24-ITB-065.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff requests the Board to ratify the construction contract with Ruby-Collins, Inc., for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project at a total cost of \$45,867,354.

### Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County initiated a competitive bidding process for the construction of a 2.0 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant under ITB #24-ITB-065. Ruby-Collins, Inc. was selected through a transparent and competitive process as the contractor for the project.

The project's scope includes constructing new wastewater facilities such as a headworks system, oxidation ditches, clarifiers, effluent filters, UV disinfection units, aerobic digesters, and extensive civil, electrical, and instrumentation work. This infrastructure is critical for the County's future growth and compliance with regulatory standards.

Key project details:

- **Contractor:** Ruby-Collins, Inc.
- **Contract Amount:** \$45,867,354.00
- **Completion Timeline:** 730 days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed
- **Engineer:** Hussey Gay Bell (Owner's Representative)

The need for this project arises from Effingham County's commitment to maintaining robust wastewater treatment infrastructure to support population growth and environmental sustainability. The competitive procurement process followed all statutory and policy requirements. Ruby-Collins, Inc. provided the most responsive bid, meeting all project criteria.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Ratify the construction contract with Ruby-Collins, Inc.
2. Do not ratify the contract and provide alternate direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** Procurement, Hussey Gay Bell, County Engineer

**Funding Source:** 2025 FY Budget

**Attachments:** Contract 24-ITB-065 and Tabulation

