

Staff Report

Subject: TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 Construction Award Recommendation

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Department: Procurement / Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the contract award for TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 Construction to C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. for the TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 roadway improvement program.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County issued Invitation for Bid (IFB) #25-ITB-099 for construction services related to the TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 program. The scope of work includes patching, leveling, milling, resurfacing, minor drainage improvements, concrete valley gutter, storm pipe installation, signage, and pavement markings across approximately 30.2 miles and 54 roads in the county.

This work will improve safety, extend pavement life, and enhance connectivity per GDOT and County standards.

The ITB was released on September 26, 2025, and proposals were due November 10, 2025. After a mandatory pre-bid meeting and evaluation process, C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. was identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

The contract amount is \$6,254,815.00. The work will be completed within 270 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The contract includes a retainage of 5% and a liquidated damages clause of \$1,169.00 per day for delays beyond the contract period.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the contract award to C.W. Matthews.
2. Reject all bids and rebid the project.
3. Negotiate scope reductions to align with alternate budget constraints.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: FY 2026 Capital Projects

Attachments: Evaluation Tabulation, Contract with C. W. Matthews for TSPLOST and LMIG 2026 Construction