



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager *NP*

DATE: March 23, 2026

RE: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION AWARD FOR THE WRI PROJECT

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is the construction award to Harris ConAg LLC for the completion of the Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Grant.

DISCUSSION:

The city has accepted a grant agreement for a Water-Related Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$2,520,760 from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF). The city will provide an 11% match, totaling \$307,890, with a total estimated project cost of \$2,828,650. A request for proposals was issued for the construction project, and Harris ConAg LLC submitted the lowest bid.

The proposed project includes improvements to W. Main Street, extending from the west City limits to Center Street, along with approximately 200 feet of each approach at the Center Street intersection. The existing cast iron water main will be replaced with a new ductile iron water main running from Marion Street to Center Street, including about 200 feet of each approach at Center Street. Additionally, a new water main will be installed beneath the CSX railroad.

All hydrants will be replaced, and new hydrants will be added in locations where the current spacing does not meet standards. New water service connections will be installed for each property, and any lead service lines encountered will be replaced within the buildings to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Several brick manholes will also be replaced, and a new storm sewer will be installed where necessary.

The roadways will undergo complete reconstruction, including a new sand subbase, a gravel base, spot replacements of concrete curb and gutter, and hot-mix asphalt (HMA) pavement. Gaps in sidewalks will be filled, and damaged sidewalks will be replaced. All sidewalk ramps will be updated to comply with ADA requirements. New signs and pavement markings will be installed, and all areas disturbed during construction will be restored. In addition, the traffic signal controller that communicates with the pedestrian and vehicular signals at the intersection will be updated.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves Harris ConAg LLC to complete construction for the W. Main Street improvements project for \$2,220,456.75, contingent upon MEDC approval, and gives the city manager permission to execute the contract.