



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Feb. 10, 2025
Department:	Public Space and Sustainability
Agenda Section:	Consent
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Award construction contract for N.C. HWY 86/Fleet Renovation Project

Attachments:

1. Recommendation letter from consulting architect
2. Bid tabulations
3. Capital Project Ordinance

Summary:

On Nov. 11, 2024, the town posted notice seeking competitive bid proposals for the renovation of an existing building and the construction of new buildings at the town's N.C. HWY 86 North Facility. The project provides adequate space for Public Works to relocate staff and equipment to the facility, which will serve as the base for their operations. It also allows expansion of fleet facilities, additional storage, and updated restroom facilities. The bid posting was advertised in the Herald-Sun, News and Observer, and Greater Diversity Newspapers. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held at the project site on Nov. 18, 2024. Drawings were made available at Dodge and Construction Connect plan rooms. On the date of the bid opening only two contractors provided bids. These bids were not opened and were returned to bidders since only two of the required three bids for formal bid projects were received. Attendees at the bid opening were informed the project would be re-bid.

The notice to the bidders and the advertisement for bids were modified to state another pre-bid meeting would be held and the new bid date and time was posted. The project was advertised again in the Herald-Sun, News and Observer, and Greater Diversity Newspapers. A mandatory pre-bid was held for any contractors wishing to bid on the project but did not attend the first mandatory pre-bid. No additional contractors showed up for the second pre-bid meeting.

On the second bid date, Jan. 28, 2025, three eligible bidders provided sealed bids. The bids were opened and read aloud at the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder from the bid opening is H.M. Kern Corporation (GC License #8542). The base bid amount of \$3,696,000 and the acceptance of add alternate #1, for \$5,000 to provide galvanized steel at the wash bay platform, makes the total contract amount \$3,701,000.

MHAWorks, PA, consulting architect for the town and project designer, has reviewed the bid proposal to confirm that all requirements are met and recommends proceeding with construction contracts with H.M. Kern Corporation.

Financial impacts:

The Hwy 86/Fleet Renovation was funded through a project ordinance approving \$4,825,982 on June 12, 2023. \$4.5 million of this total is planned for construction. Any additional costs incurred would be addressed through a project ordinance amendment.

Staff recommendation and comments:

None.

Action requested:

Award the construction contract to HM Kern, proceed with contract preparation.