



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 03/24/2026

**REQUESTER:** Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

**PRESENTER:** Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CHANGE ORDER ONE TO CONTRACT K-2526-33: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND K&R BUILDERS, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$622,795.38 TO \$703,039.17, FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT OF \$103,754.26 FOR THE POST OAK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. (WARD 5)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On October 10, 2023, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$50 million bond issue dedicated to the replacement and rehabilitation of bridges throughout the city. The projects included in this bond are intended to be completed using bond funds, although the City will pursue federal funding opportunities wherever possible to supplement local resources.

On April 9, 2024, City Council approved contract K-2324-151 with MKEC Engineering Inc. to provide engineering design services for the replacement of the East Post Oak Bridge over a tributary to Jim Blue Creek, located 0.2 miles east of 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Replacement efforts include all roadway work necessary to tie the existing road into the new bridge. MKEC Engineering's Scope of Services included:

- Field Inspection and Assessment
- Detailed Topographic Survey
- Geotechnical Evaluation
- Environmental Permitting
- Design Plan submittals at 30%, 60%, 90%, and Final Plan stages
- Bidding Assistance and Construction Management
- Preparing Right-of-Way acquisition documents
- As-built Drawing Services

Final plans were received for this project on April 11, 2025. Bid documents and specifications for the East Post Oak Bridge Replacement Project were advertised on May 16, 2025, and

May 23, 2025, in accordance with State Law. Bids were opened on June 12, 2025, and K&R Builders, of Oklahoma City, was the lowest bidder.

Council awarded the contract to K&R Builders, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the amount of \$622,795.38 at the August 12, 2025, meeting. The project was completed on January 14, 2026.

**DISCUSSION:**

Construction projects are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Contractor bids are determined using estimated plan quantities multiplied by the contractor's unit prices for all bid items of the contract. The total of all these costs represents the contractor's bid. During construction, each quantity is verified in the field, and the contractor is to be reimbursed based on the actual quantity of materials and/or labor used.

Of the forty (40) bid items, seventeen (17) require a quantity change. Nine (9) items have a quantity change resulting in an increased cost of \$89,588.39, and eight (8) have a quantity change resulting in a decreased cost of \$9,344.60 for a total increased cost of \$80,243.79 or 12.88%. If approved, the overall contract will increase from \$622,795.38 to \$703,039.17. Please see attached Change Order No. 1 for a complete list of bid item cost increases and decreases.

The final payment amount owed to K&R Builders is \$103,754.26, which includes release of all retainage. Final payment will be funded as follows:

- \$103,754.26 from East Post Oak Road Bridge (Construction Account 50595367-46101 project number BP0611)

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

Staff recommends the approval of Change Order No. 1 to Contract K-2526-33 with K&R Builders increasing contract amount by \$80,243.79 for a revised contract amount of \$703,039.17 for construction of the Post Oak Bridge Replacement Project.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2:**

Staff recommends final acceptance of the East Post Oak Bridge Replacement Project, Contract K-2526-33, and final payment to K&R Builders in the amount of \$103,754.26.