

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 14, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer
Shantell McClam, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Lakeview Drive Bridge Replacement (North Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: Improve Integrated Road Network

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

The City advertised bids for Lakeview Drive Bridge Replacement. The scope of work is to replace the bridge over Mill Creek along Lakeview Drive at the intersection with Broadview Road. The bridge is currently designated as structurally deficient and has reached the end of its useful life. The bridge's reduced load capacity has forced its closure, so residents have to use alternate routes.

Bids were received on February 15, 2023, with a summary of bids as follows:

	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Smith-Rowe, LLC	Mount Airy, NC	\$1,003,297.85
James R. Vannoy & Sons Construction Co.	Jefferson, NC	\$1,155,203.82
Dane Construction, Inc.	Mooresville, NC	\$1,464,558.33

The low bidder, Smith-Rowe, LLC, submitted subcontracting goals of 1% with minority-owned businesses and 4% with woman-owned businesses, exceeding those established for this project of 1% with minority-owned businesses and 1% with woman-owned businesses, as presented and approved by the City Council in January 2023.

Therefore, it is recommended that the project be awarded to Smith-Rowe, LLC in the estimated total amount of \$1,003,297.85. The city's estimate was \$408,782. The volatility in the construction market, labor shortages, and continuous rise in material costs are reasons for the higher-than-expected bid price.

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Action

Approval

For Unanimous

Against

Remarks:

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and state websites and sent directly to 46 general contractors. Notifications were sent to all local M/WBE and regional HUB businesses on a bi-weekly basis. See Exhibit A for a complete list of businesses that were notified the bidding opportunity and the low bidder's Workplace Demographics form. No M/WBE firms submitted a bid.