

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 14, 2023

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Keith Huff, Field Operations Director
Darren Redfield, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Awarding Construction Contract for Old Salisbury Road Repair (South 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 purpose of this contract is to repair a segment of Old Salisbury Road between Brewer Road and Gyro Drive due to an embankment failure that occurred in Spring of 2021, causing a portion of the travel lane to crack significantly. The City closed the road because the road became unstable and the protective guardrail collapsed. This project will repair roadway and shoulders, stabilize embankment slopes, replace storm drainage pipes and the concrete box culvert structure, and install a safety guardrail.

City/County Purchasing formally advertised this construction project and bids were scheduled to be received on September 6, 2023, but fewer than three bids were offered as required by North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 143-132(a). Therefore, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129, the project was re-advertised. Bids were then opened on September 28, 2023, with the summary of bids received:

| | <u>City/State</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
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| Mountaineer Contractors, Inc. | Kingwood, WV | \$2,597,278.70 |
| BW Infrastructure, LLC | Rocky Mount, VA | 2,687,373.10 |

Mountaineer Contractors, Inc.'s bid contained several math calculation or rounding errors, and the bid specifications note that bid error corrections are made per NCDOT Article 103-2, which resulted in the actual bid total being \$2,608,039.45.

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| Committee | <u>FC (11/14/23)</u> | Action | <u>Approval</u> |
| For | <u>3 Ayes</u> | Against | <u></u> |
| Remarks: MPT Adams absent | | | |

The low bidder, Mountaineer Contractors, Inc., submitted subcontracting goals exceeding those established for this project of 8% minority and 5% woman-owned businesses by agreeing to subcontract 8.37% to minority and 7.18% to woman-owned businesses.

It is therefore recommended that a contract be awarded to Mountaineer Contractors, Inc, the low bidder meeting specifications, in the total base bid amount of \$2,608,039.45. The engineer's estimate was \$2,647,706.28. WS/FC Utilities will be funding the water and sewer line relocation portion of the work at approximately \$375,000.

M/WBE comment: This project was advertised on the City and State websites and with several electronic plan rooms. Bid invitations were sent directly to 35 roadway 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 about the bidding opportunity and the recommended vendor's workplace demographics.