

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. A(3)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2010

**SUBJECT: Bid Opening Results for the Bus Shelters Installation Project**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>A. Resolution</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b> <b>CONTACT:</b> George Seiz 918-7427 M. Ted Barker 918-7341

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to award a construction contract for the Bus Shelters Installation project.

### INFORMATION

Bids were opened (for the third time) on the above mentioned project on January 05, 2010. The project consists of the installation of two (2) new bus shelters on existing concrete pads along NC Highway 54, and one (1) new bus shelter along with a concrete pad on the west side of W. Main Street in front of Town Hall. External renovations (canopy replacement and glass replacement) were included this time as additional, optional items.

The following base bids for the new shelters were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
W.C. Construction Company, LLC – Winston Salem, NC	\$44,500.00
McQueen Construction, Inc. – Bahama, NC	\$50,700.00
Pullen Construction Company – Raleigh, NC	\$53,488.99
Patriot Building Company – Hillsborough, NC	\$56,698.99
Hamlett Associates Inc. – Climax, NC	\$57,159.00
McClure & Associates Construction, Inc. - Raleigh, NC	\$72,176.00
Centurion Construction Company Inc. - Raleigh, NC	\$79,514.19
Burney & Burney Construction Company, Inc. - Greenville, NC	\$80,000.00

The engineer's estimate is \$43,763.00.

Initial American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for this project totaled \$48,296. It was anticipated that this amount would cover design engineering, construction, construction administration and the purchase of renovation materials. After the design was completed and the engineer's estimate came in at \$43,763, staff realized that unless the bids came in very low it was unlikely that much renovation work would be completed as part of this project. Bids were opened the first time on October 29, 2009 and only one bid was received in the amount of \$63,057, well over the engineer's estimate. Bids were rejected and staff was instructed to re-bid the project.

Bids were opened a second time on December 1, 2009. By this time staff had determined that \$28,000 of ARRA funds could be transferred from the Bim/Ashe sidewalk project to the Bus Shelter project, however, the two low bidders were not pre-qualified and the next low bid of \$85,000 was way out of line in terms of expenditure for a project of this scope. The additional funding was still not enough to cover the project. Staff was told by NCDOT that a request for an extension past the December 31, 2009 deadline would not be granted. Bids were rejected and it was thought the project was dead for the moment unless other funding could be obtained at a later date.

Upon learning that the project was not going to be constructed, NCDOT had a change of heart and agreed to a one month extension. Staff quickly re-worked the specs to include optional renovation work and the project was put out for bid again just before the Christmas holiday. An extra effort was put forth to inform contractors about the prequalification requirement.

As noted above, bids were opened on January 5, 2010. The low bidder is prequalified and the bid is reasonable. Also on the agenda tonight is the recommended transfer of \$28,000 of ARRA funds to this project via Supplemental Municipal Agreement which will provide funding as follows:

**ARRA Grant Funding:**

Initial Agreement -	\$48,296
Supplemental Agreement -	<u>\$28,000</u>
Total Amount Available -	\$76,296

**Expenditures:**

Base bid construction -	\$44,500 (bid amount for 3 shelters and 1 conc. pad)
Renovations -	<u>\$17,671</u> (estimated, renovate about 7 shelters, there are 19 total)
Construction amount -	\$62,171
Engineering design -	\$4,800 (actual)
Construction Admin -	<u>\$9,325</u> (15% of construction estimated)
Total Expenditure -	\$76,296

An extension granted by the NCDOT for this project stipulates that the construction contract for this project must be awarded by January 31, 2010.

**FISCAL AND STAFFING IMPACT**

With the approval of Supplemental Agreement noted above there will be adequate funding for the project. Some inspection by Public Works staff will be necessary which was anticipated when application was made for funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract for the Bus Shelters Installation Project (EL-5103) to W.C. Construction Company in the amount of \$62,171.00 and authorizing the Town Manager to execute the contract and the North Carolina Department of Transportation Concurrence of Award form, provided the award of the contract is approved by the NCDOT. Staff will request concurrence in the award from NCDOT following the adoption of the resolution.