

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: January 25, 2010

Date Submitted: January 8, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
Cleve Fleming, Public Works Project Director

Subject: Request Board Approval to Award Bid #2009-021 to Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc. for the Wakulla County Road Paving Preparation Contract

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to award Bid #2009-021 to Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc. for the Wakulla County Road Paving Preparation Contract.

### **Background:**

As part of the road paving program, the County utilizes a contractor for road paving preparation, in order to prepare various roads for paving. This contractor is typically asked to prepare up to 4 miles of roadway each year. The Invitation to Bid requires the road preparation contractors to furnish all cost estimates for labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to prepare specified roads for asphalt paving. The contractors were asked to provide unit prices for 3 separate typical sections of pavement, 16 foot, 18 foot and 20 foot in width. These three typical sections allow Public Works to pave roads with varying widths of right of way. The Invitation to Bid also had an alternate line item for clearing of the right of ways. By including this line item and allowing the contractor to perform the required clearing of the right of ways allows the County Public Works staff to focus on needed infrastructure maintenance and repairs which will help expedite the road preparation and paving process.

### **Analysis:**

The Invitation to Bid #2009-021 was advertised for two weeks in both the Wakulla News on December 3, 2009 and December 10, 2009, and the Tallahassee Democrat on December 5, 2009 and December 12, 2009. The bid opening was held on January 8, 2010 at 2:00p.m. at the Public Works Office. There were nine bidders: Welch Land Development, Coastal Construction of Wakulla, North Florida Asphalt, Dixie Paving & Grading, Duggar Excavating, Peavy & Son, Curtis Construction, Inc, Capital Asphalt and C.W. Roberts Contracting. The bid requested a unit price preparing a roadway for 16, 18 and 20 feet wide of pavement. It also requested unit prices for mobilization, replacing unsuitable material and silt fencing. There was an alternate line item for roadway clearing and debris hauling. Dixie Paving and Grading was the lowest bidder for providing the aforementioned services.

Subsequently, on January 13, 2010 a fax was received by Public Works from the lowest bidder, Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. requesting to withdraw their bid (Attachment #3). The withdrawal of the low bid makes the second lowest bidder, Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc.

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Staff is requesting Board approval to release Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. and award to the second low bid, Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc. for a two year contract to provide the County with labor, equipment and incidentals necessary to prepare specified roads for asphalt paving and clearing of the right of ways.

**Options:**

1. Approve to award the County Road Paving Preparation Contract to the second lowest bidder, Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc.
2. Do not approve to award the County Road Paving Preparation Contract to the second lowest bidder, Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc.
3. Board direction.

**Attachments:**

1. Bid document.
2. Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc. Bid Documents.
3. Dixie Paving and Grading Bid Withdrawal Letter
4. Coastal Construction of Wakulla, Inc. Contract