

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Nannette Watts, ESG

Subject: Request Board Approval to Purchase New Scale at the Lower Bridge Landfill

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to purchase a new scale at the Lower Bridge Landfill to replace the old scale.

Background:

The Lower Bridge Landfill began twenty years ago with one used scale to weigh solid waste in and out of the landfill per DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) requirements. Approximately ten years later, a second scale was added to enable traffic flow. Due to routine wear and tear, the original (used) scale is inoperable and impossible to repair. Replacement is needed at this time. In anticipation, the Public Works Department requested funding for the new scale in the 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$77,000 and was approved by the Board to be paid out of the Small County Solid Waste Grant (144-0100-534-640).

Analysis:

Bid #2008-021 was advertised for two weeks in the Wakulla News starting on November 26, 2008. The Bid was opened on December 11, 2008. There were three bidders: Mettler Toledo, Weigh Tronix, and Emery. Mettler Toledo was the low bidder to purchase and replace the scale for \$77,823.64. In addition, Mettler Toledo has been the provider of the previous scales, as well as, performed regulatory maintenance on them. The other bids ranged from \$78,628.00 to \$99,039.00. It should be noted that the difference between the budgeted amount and the actual amount, \$823.64, and funds are available in the Solid Waste Grant Repair & Maintenance Account (144-0100-534-460).

The purchase of this new scale will allow for more accurate weights and improved traffic flow for Wakulla County citizens in the disposal of their solid waste. Staff is recommending approving purchase of the new scale from the low bidder, Mettler Toledo.

Options:

1. Approve the purchase of the new scale for the Lower Bridge Landfill from the low bidder Mettler Toledo.

2. Do not approve the purchase of the new scale for the Lower Bridge Landfill from the low bidder Mettler Toledo.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Bid Documents.