

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 7, 2010

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
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Subject: Request Board Consideration of Change Order #3 from Dowdy Plumbing
Regarding the Reuse Transmission Line

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item proposes to present to the BOCC a change to the reuse line project that reduces the contract value by \$2,025 and also extends the contract time due to weather delays and scheduling conflicts with Wildwood Country Club.

Background:

In October of 2009, Wakulla County entered into a contract with Dowdy Plumbing to construct a transmission line to carry reclaimed water from the Otter Creek WWTP to the Wildwood Golf Course. Dowdy was selected as the contractor because they were the lowest responsible bidder. The original contract price was \$482,597.89, and previously approved change orders increased the contract price to \$515,452.15. This Change Order proposes to reduce the contract value by \$2,025 making the total contract value \$513,427.15. The deduction is for soil testing that was deemed unnecessary.

Also in this Change Order is a request to extend the contract time for two reasons. First, for the first 4 months of the project, rain significantly delayed the project. The contractor lost several working days altogether, and the saturated ground made digging and installing pipe much slower than usual. Also, the contract included installing backflow preventers on two existing wells at Wildwood Country Club. There was some delay in locating the well heads, and Dowdy also complied with the golf course's request that work at the course be restricted to Mondays since that is typically their slowest business day.

Analysis:

Since the reuse line will not be in operation for some time after this project is complete, the time extension should not cause any cost to the County. This change order will reduce the contract value to \$513,427.15 and will extend the final completion of the contract 91 days from the previous completion date of March 22, 2010; new completion date is June 23, 2010.

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Options:

1. Approve Change Order #3 from Dowdy Plumbing.
2. Do not approve Change Order #3 from Dowdy Plumbing.
3. Board direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Proposed Change Order #3 from Dowdy Plumbing
2. Certificate of Substantial Completion