

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**(Special Called Meeting)**  
**Thursday, December 03, 2004**  
**8:30 A.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Economic Development Conference Room locate in the Columbus County Administration Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of holding a Special Called Meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Bill Memory, **Chairman**  
 David L. Dutton, Jr., **Vice Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Sammie Jacobs  
 Lynwood Norris  
 Kipling Godwin

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Manager**  
 James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**  
 Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Manager**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 8:30 A.M., Chairman Memory called the Special Called Meeting to order and stated the purpose of this meeting was to receive and review the results from the Bid Opening for the construction of a new 0.125 MGD wastewater treatment facility at NCSR 1820 in Acme, North Carolina which was held on December 2, 2004, at 2:00 P.M. in Billy Joe Farmer's Office in the Columbus County Administration Building.

**INVOCATION:**

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Kipling Godwin.

**BID OPENING RESULTS:**

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Manager, stated the following relative to the Bid Opening:

1. We received three (3) bids on December 2, 2004, at 2:00 P.M., for the construction of a new 0.125 MGD wastewater treatment facility at NCSR 1820 in Acme, North Carolina;
2. We do not have the authorization to construct yet;
3. We have been told if we do not use this money, it will revert back at the end of December, 2004;
4. If we are able to get the money encumbered before December 31, 2004, we will be okay;
5. We were forced to divide the construction into two (2) aspects;
6. The language we use on this project is very important due to the nature of this project;
7. I am requesting the Board to authorize me to do the following two (2) things after we receive the authorization to construct:
  - A. Negotiate the price down due to a questionable drain box at the cost of one hundred eight thousand and 00/100 (\$108,000.00) dollars;
  - B. Give the Notice to Proceed at the appropriate time;
8. The motion should be made as a contingent motion.
9. Wright Corporation has invested over one hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00) dollars than they anticipated in this project already;
10. This project is five (5) years old; **and**
11. Thomas Wright is no longer involved, but the project is still owned by Wright Corporation.

Billy Joe Farmer, Columbus County Manager, presented the following results from the Bid Opening for the construction of a new 0.125 MGD wastewater treatment facility at NCSR 1820 in Acme, North Carolina.

BIDDER	LICENSE #	ADDENDA	BID BOND	AMOUNT
J.W. Cook and Sons	2411	Yes	Yes	Base: \$533,800 Alternate: \$ 5,900 (additional)
Gurkin Construction	41452	Yes	Yes	Base: \$664,220 Alternate: \$677,347
Hale Building	510748	Yes	Yes	Base: \$479,330 Alternate: \$484,785

Commissioner Wilson asked who the engineering firm was for this project. Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, replied stating it was O'Brien and Gere.


Commissioner McKenzie made the following contingent motion:

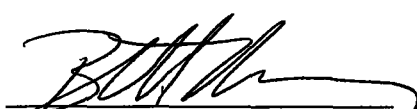
Award to the low bidder, contingent upon your authorization to construct being received, and authorize Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, to negotiate with the low bidder (down), and allow Billy Joe Farmer, County Manager, to give the Notice to Proceed upon receipt of the authorization to construct.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:03 A.M., there being no further business, Commissioner Godwin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion so carried.

  
 JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

**APPROVED:**  
  
 BILL MEMORY, Chairman