

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2009
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Bernard M. Farmer, Jr., Capital Projects Coordinator
SUBJECT: Award of Bid – Freedom Park Water Main – \$176,610

James City County has received competitive bids for the construction of a water main serving Freedom Park and Master Planned facilities within the park. The project consists of approximately 3,300 feet of 12-inch water main, 700 feet of 8-inch water main, a connection for the Botanical Garden, and connections for future development at the Park. This project supports several planned improvements funded through a bond referendum for recreational facilities. A Special Use Permit (SUP) approving this project was previously issued. A total of 19 bids were received for the project with bid amounts ranging from the low bid of \$171,610 to a high bid of \$480,115. Outlined below are the lowest 10 bid amounts:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Walter C. Via Enterprises	\$171,610.00	West Point, VA
Johnson & Glazer	198,850.00	Prince George, VA
J. Sanders Construction	198,477.00	West Point, VA
Peters & White Construction	206,854.00	Chesapeake, VA
Longhill Excavating	215,198.20	Williamsburg, VA
David A. Nice Builders	217,608.00	Williamsburg, VA
Toano Contractors	222,867.35	Toano, VA
William Wills Contractor	224,236.50	Saluda, VA
Curtis Contracting	235,775.00	West Point, VA
George Nice & Sons	244,222.00	Toano, VA

The apparent low bid amount of \$171,610 from Walter C. Via Enterprises is substantially less than initial estimates for this project, but consistent with the current trend of greater competition and more competitive pricing. Funding is available for this bid award from previously approved referendum funds. Staff has experience with and believes that the low bidder is well qualified and financially sound, and would perform well with this project. Accordingly, Walter C. Via Enterprises is recommended for award of the bid for construction of the Freedom Park Water Main.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the award of the construction bid to Walter C. Via Enterprises in the amount of \$171,610.


Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.

CONCUR:


John T.P. Horne

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