



# Gaston County

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## Public Works

## Board Action

File #: 21-187

Commissioner Philbeck - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Kearey Builders, Inc. for the Child Advocacy Center (The Lighthouse) at a Cost of \$3,092,425.00

### STAFF CONTACT

Dan Ziehm, PE - Public Works - 704-862-7504

### BUDGET IMPACT

Construction Contract: \$3,092,425.00

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

### BACKGROUND

The Child Advocacy Center (The Lighthouse) is located on the lower level of the Highland Health Center at 609 North Highland Street, Gastonia, North Carolina. The current 1,000 square foot space is not adequate to provide the services that are needed. In 2019, The Lighthouse conducted 395 forensic interviews of children who are victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic or family violence, neglect or human trafficking. To meet the growing needs of The Lighthouse, City Church of Gastonia has agreed to lease a parcel of land to Gaston County to accommodate the construction of a new facility. This land is located at 3150 City Church Street, Gastonia, North Carolina 28056. The new facility will allow space for law enforcement, social services workers, prosecutors, counselors and Child Advocacy Center staff to help children and families heal.

Board Resolution 2020-111 authorized the County Manager to execute an architect/engineering design agreement with Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects (SCNA) of Gastonia, N.C. SCNA prepared construction documents and specifications for the new facility. Gaston County publicly advertised construction of this project on Sunday, April 4, 2021 in The Charlotte Observer, The Gaston Gazette, Greater Diversity News and posted on The Gaston County webpage and

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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HUBSCO Bidders Profile. Gaston County Public Works held a pre-bid conference on April 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on April 29, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. in the Gaston County Courthouse Public Cafeteria with the following results:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Kearey Builders, Inc.	\$3,092,425.00
Pinnix, Inc.	\$3,214,125.00
Beam Construction	\$3,239,940.00
Quinn Sales dba Custom Building	\$3,266,210.00
Neill Construction Co.	\$3,313,100.00
Morrison Construction, Inc.	\$3,390,100.00
Leitner Construction	\$3,593,563.00

Based on the bids received, this Board Action deems Kearey Builders, Inc. as the contractor submitting the lowest responsible, responsive bid. Approval of this Board Action formally selects Kearey Builders, Inc. to perform the work associated with the project, directs the County Attorney to draft all necessary contract documents and authorizes the County Manager or her designee to execute said documents for \$3,092,425.00.

**POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

Architects Recommendation to Award



# Stewart · Cooper · Newell Architects

May 10, 2021

Gaston County  
325 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Way  
Gastonia, NC 28052

ATTN: Mr. Dan Ziehm, Director of Public Works

RE: Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center, Project #1608  
Bid Recommendation

Dear Mr. Ziehm,

After our review of all the bids for the above referenced project and meeting with the owner, Ryan Kearey, we are pleased to recommend Kearey Construction as the General Contractor for the Lighthouse Project.

Kearey Construction was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder with a Bid of \$3,092,425.00.

Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

James C Stewart, AIA  
JCS:cls