



Gaston County

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Public Works Board Action

File # 25-520

Commissioner Bailey - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract to Gais Construction, Inc. and Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute the Necessary Contract Documents for the Cramerton Shared Site Facilities - New Hope Recycling Center **(\$5,172,565.20)**

STAFF CONTACT

Daniel K. Ziehm, PE - Public Works Director - 704-862-6795

BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact; Funds were included in the FY26 budget. The attached BCR transfers budgeted funds to the appropriate project account.

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Solid Waste and Recycling Division is committed to providing a safe, economical, and environmentally sensitive waste disposal facility for the citizens and businesses of Gaston County that meets or exceeds all applicable State and/or Federal regulations. Gaston County has operated convenience sites around the County since the early 1990's. Due to growth in the County since that time, it is necessary to update those facilities to meet the current and future needs of our residents. Gaston County contracted with LaBella Associates to design a new Convenience Site in the Lake Wylie area to replace the current New Hope Convenience site. The construction bid for the New Hope Recycling Facility was publicly advertised on August 20, 2025, however, less than the required three (3) bids were received. Re-advertisement occurred on September 19, 2025, in the Charlotte Observer, HUBSCO, the Gaston County website, and Duncan Parnell. A non-mandatory pre-bid was held at the Office of Capital Improvements on September 3, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Two sealed bids were publicly opened on October 2, 2025, as allowed by NCGS 143-129, with the following results:

<u>General Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Gais Construction, Inc.	\$5,172,565.20
Rushing Contracting Group, Inc.	\$5,256,068.40

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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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In addition to construction, and to comply with State and Federal regulations, Gaston County is required to provide project administration and testing services for construction. LaBella is the engineer of record and will be charged with oversight of the project as it relates to design permit approval, and management of quality assurance and testing.

Based on bids received, this Board Action deems Gais Construction, Inc. as the General Contractor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible bid. Approval of this Board Action formally selects Gais Construction, Inc. as the successful bidder, directs the County Attorney to draft all necessary contract documents and authorizes the County Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary contract documents for construction, oversight, and testing services, and transfers the required funds into the appropriate construction account for expenditure purposes.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR) and Engineer Recommendation of Award of Contract



October 6, 2025

Ms. Marcie Smith
Solid Waste and Recycling Administrator
Gaston County Public Works
PO Box 1578
Gastonia, NC .28035

Subject: Recommendation of Award of Contract
Cramerton Shared Site Facilities – New Hope Recycling Center

Dear Ms. Smith

On October 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM, at 100 West Main Avenue, Gastonia, NC, bids for the referenced project were opened for the Cramerton Shared Site Facilities – New Hope Recycling Center. The original bid opening date was September 18, 2025, but only two (2) bids were received. In accordance with the public bidding law, the project was re-advertised for bids. The bids received are summarized below:

Contractor	Total Base Bid
Gais Construction, Inc.	\$5,172,565.20
Rushing Contracting Group, Inc.	\$5,256,068.40

Gais Construction, Inc. is the low bidder and a licensed Building Contractor in North Carolina. Therefore, we recommend award to Gais Construction, Inc.

Please let us know of any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

LaBella Associates

Robert E. Wilson, PE
Project Manager