

## **Gaston County**

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Board of Commissioners
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# Office of Capital Improvements (OCI)

### **Board Action**

File #: 25-195

Commissioner Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Construction Contract with Double R Utilities, Inc for the Chapel Grove Waterline Extension in the Amount of \$3,287,610.85

#### STAFF CONTACT

Kim Eagle, PH.D. - ARPA Director Water/Sewer - 704-866-3102 Ray Maxwell, P.E. - Executive Director of Capital Projects - 704-862-7551

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

No budget impact. Funds for this project were approved in the FY25 budget.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In May 2021, Gaston County was awarded \$43,612,126 in ARPA federal funds to meet urgent community needs in the wake of COVID-19. On April 26, 2022, Resolution 2022-141 approved and appropriated funds for the Chapel Grove Elementary Waterline Extension. On April 26, 2022, Resolution 2022-143 authorized the execution of a professional services contract for the design of the waterline infrastructure. On November 12, 2024, Resolution 2024-394, appropriated additional funding for construction of the Chapel Grove Waterline Extension Project.

The Chapel Grove Waterline Extension Project was publicly advertised, and bids were received and publicly opened on March 27, 2025. A total of four (4) bidders submitted proposals and the results are below. Double R Utilities, Inc. submitted the apparent low, responsive, responsible bid of \$3,287,610.85. Double R Utilities, Inc. has identified 0% HUB/MWBE participation in this project due to Double R Utilities, Inc. self-performing the work.

Contractor	Location	<b>Bid Amount</b> \$3,287,610.85		
Double R Utilities, Inc	Gaffney, SC			
DE Walker Construction	Charlotte, NC	\$4,153,313.78		
State Utility Contractors, Inc	Monroe, NC	\$4,475,284.00		
Elite Infrastructure Group	Monroe, NC	\$6,683,105.00	***************************************	

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Approval of this Board Action formally awards the project to Double R Utilities, 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 his designee to execute said documents.

#### **POLICY IMPACT**

No policy impact.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Letter of Recommendation



03/31/2025

Cara Cobb ARPA Project Coordinator Gaston County 128 W. Main Ave. Gastonia, NC 28052

Re: Bid March 31, 2025

IFB Gaston County Bid Recommendation Chapel Grove Water Line Extension T&H Project No. 29952,0000

Dear Mrs. Cobb:

On March 27, 2025, four (4) bids were received for the referenced project and opened by Thomas and Hutton. An abstract of the bids is attached and reviewed by Thomas & Hutton.

We offer the following comments on the bids received:

- 1. All bidders submitted the required Bid Bond
- 2. All bidders acknowledged receipt of the six (6) addenda issued.
- 3. All bids were responsive.
- 4. Minor math errors that are corrected and reflective on the abstract of the bids and do not affect the changes of the bids.

Based on our review, we believe the lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Double R Utilities, Inc., of Gaffney, South Carolina. Therefore, we recommend the contract for the project be awarded to Double R Utilities, Inc., in the amount of \$3,287,610.85.

Once the proper approvals through Gaston County Board of Commissioners are achieved, the Notice of Award will be provided for execution. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

THOMAS & HUTTON

Colleen Brophy, P.E. Project Manager