



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) Board Action

File #: 25-427

Commissioner Hovis - Office of Capital Improvements - To Award a Construction Contract and Authorize the County Manager, or Designee, to Execute said Contract with Fuller & Co Construction, LLC., Inc., for the Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension in the Amount of \$5,924,220.50

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

N/A

BACKGROUND

In May 2021, Gaston County was awarded \$43,612,126 in 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 Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension. On April 26, 2022, Resolution 2022-144 authorized the execution of a professional services contract for the design of the waterline infrastructure. On March, 2024, Resolution 2024-119 authorized the County to enter into interlocal agreements with the City of Bessemer City and the County to set the terms and conditions under which the County will construct, and Bessemer City will operate and maintain the infrastructure

The Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension Project was publicly advertised, and bids were received and publicly opened on July 22, 2025. A total of four (4) bidders submitted proposals and the results are below. Fuller & Co Construction, LLC submitted the apparent low, responsive, responsible bid of \$5,924,220.50. Fuller & Co

Contractor	Location	Bid Amount
Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC	Crouse, NC	\$5,924,220.50
Classic City Mechanical	Winterville, GA	\$6,853,413.60
State Utility Contractors, Inc.	Monroe, NC	\$7,597,056.50
Elite Infrastructure Group, LLC	Monroe, NC	\$9,676,227.00

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKeighfer	SShehan	Vote
2025-286	08/26/2025	TK	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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Approval of this Board Action formally awards the project to Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC 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

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Engineer Recommendation of Award of Contract



July 28, 2025

Mr. Ray Maxwell
Executive Director of Capital Projects
Gaston County Public Works
PO Box 1578
Gastonia, NC 28035

Reference: Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension
Bessemer City, North Carolina
LaBella Commission No. 2224486

Subject: Recommendation of Award of Contract

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

On Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 2:00 PM, at 100 West Main Avenue, Gastonia, NC, bids for the referenced project were received, opened, and publicly read. Bids were received for Single-Prime Construction of the Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension.

A total of four (4) bids were received from the following:

Contractor	Total Base Bid
Fuller & Co. Construction, LLC	\$5,924,220.50
Classic City Mechanical	\$6,853,413.60
State Utility Contractors, Inc.	\$7,597,056.50
Elite Infrastructure Group, LLC	\$9,676,227.00

One copy of the Bid Tabulation is included with this letter.

All required paperwork was submitted

LaBella Associates, PC, recommends that the Single-Prime Construction Contract be awarded to Fuller & CO. Construction, LLC based on the total base bid of \$5,924,220.50.

The contractor receiving the award will be required to provide a Performance and Payment Bond, prior to executing a Construction Agreement with Gaston County, to ensure that the project will be completed according to the specifications in the Construction Documents.

Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or comments regarding this information or the project in general (Direct: 704-941-2174, Email: hmill@labellapc.com).



Respectfully submitted,

LaBella Associates

Heather C Miller

Heather C. Miller P.E.
Senior Civil Engineer

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Gaston County Public Works Department

BID TABULATION

Tryon Elementary Waterline Extension

LaBella Project No. 2224486

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

100 West Main Avenue, Suite 100, Gastonia, NC 28052



Single-Prime Bid Construction

Contractor		Total Base Bid
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REMARKS:

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this is a true and accurate tabulation of all bids received on this project.

Heather C. Miller, PE
Senior Civil Engineer

