

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

**ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 in the Commissioner's Board Room, the usual place of meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David N. Walker, Chairman; Barry E. McPeters, Vice-Chairman, Michael Lavender and Josh Dobson (Commissioner Andrew K. Webb sent his regrets).

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Ronald Harmon, Planning Director; Greg Lambert, Withers and Ravenel; and Ashley R. Wooten, Assistant to the County Manager.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Walker called the Special Meeting to order noting the meeting was properly called and that a quorum was present. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and consider the approval of bids to construct the first phase of the McDowell Corpening/YMCA Greenway.

**OVERVIEW OF PROJECT AND BIDS**

The Chairman recognized the County Manager and asked that he provide an overview of the project and the process. The County Manager reviewed the project describing the first Phase of this trail as an approximate 8 tenths of a mile loop that would circle the YMCA and the Senior Center. McDowell County had received a Part F grant to construct the two phases and had entered into a local agreement with the Corpening Foundation to split the local match equally. The County Commissioners had previously authorized Withers and Ravenel to design and oversee the project and had also authorized the receipt of formal bids.

Bids were advertised and opened September 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room. The County Manager and Ron Harmon were present along with several contractors. The bids were opened and were then taken and reviewed by Mr. Lambert. A certified bid tabulation was presented and was as follows:

Base Bid:

GEM Constructors, Inc.	\$271,935.00
England Builders, Inc.	\$242,702.00
Eagle Wood, Inc.	\$253,990.88
Young and McQueen Grading, Inc.	\$249,847.00
Baker Grading and Landscaping, Inc.	\$337,385.00

There were two alternatives bid and these bids are attached to this set of minutes. The recommendation was that the alternates not be included in the award and the amounts bid did not change the low bid. There was also discussion regarding the sub-contacting being done on the project.

Mr. Lambert stated that he had reviewed the qualifications of the low bidder and was recommending the award to the low bid of \$242,702 to England Builders, Inc. A discussion of the project and the bids ensued.

There was also discussion of completing a section of the trail not included in the bid by volunteers or the boy scouts to provide for a more rustic section of the trail.

Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Michael Lavender to enter the bids into the minutes, approve the low bid in the amount of \$242,702 and to authorize the signing of documents related to the project. The motion was seconded by Barry McPeters and passed unanimously.

A brief overview of the timetable for the second phase of trail construction was provided by Mr. Lambert including the target of bidding the second phase by the end of the 2011 calendar year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Lavender, a second by Commissioner Dobson, and by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned.

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DAVID N. WALKER, CHAIRMAN

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CHARLES R. ABERNATHY  
COUNTY MANAGER