

Macon County Board of Commissioners
Work Session
May 27, 2015
3:00 p.m.

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| 1. DFACS Board Information | Staff |
| 2. Bid award for Musselwhite Road | Staff |
| 3. Rules Ordinance | Chairman George |
| 4. Proposed Budget FY 2016 | Staff |

- 62 maltreatment, and ensure the well-being of and timely permanency for children who are
63 referred to and involved in the child welfare system;
- 64 (2) Propose legislative or administrative changes to policies and programs that are
65 integral to the protection of children and the welfare and public assistance functions of
66 the division;
- 67 (3) Examination of caseload assignments and ratios of child protective services workers
68 and recommendations for reasonable expectations for such workers and supervision and
69 support needed to perform their jobs; and
- 70 (4) Recommendations on improved collaboration among state, local, community, and
71 public and private stakeholders in child welfare programs and services that are
72 administered by the division.
- 73 (c) The advisory board shall elect a chairperson from among its membership. The
74 advisory board may elect such other officers and establish committees as it considers
75 appropriate.
- 76 (d) The advisory board shall meet at least quarterly and at such additional times as it shall
77 determine necessary to perform its duties. The advisory board shall also meet on the call
78 of the chairperson, the director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the
79 department, or the Governor. The director of the Division of Family and Children Services
80 of the department shall participate in such meetings and provide a quarterly report to the
81 advisory board in advance of each quarterly meeting.
- 82 (e) Members shall serve without compensation, although each member of the advisory
83 board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her
84 duties from funds available to the advisory board; provided, however, that any legislative
85 member shall receive the allowances authorized by law for legislative members of interim
86 legislative committees and any members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for
87 expenses incurred by them in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their
88 capacities as state employees."

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SECTION 2.

90 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 49-3-2, relating to the appointment
91 of members to the county department of family and children services, as follows:

92 "49-3-2.

- 93 (a) Each county board shall consist of between five and seven members who shall be
94 appointed by the governing authority of the county. No person serving as a member of a
95 county board on July 1, ~~1994~~ 2015, shall have such person's term of office shortened by
96 this subsection. On and after that date, however, vacancies in such office which occur for
97 any reason, including but not limited to expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by

98 appointment of the county governing authority except as provided in subsection (c) of this
 99 Code section. No elected officer of the state or any subdivision thereof shall be eligible for
 100 appointment to the county board. In making appointments to the county board of family
 101 and children services, the governing authority shall ensure that appointments are reflective
 102 of gender, race, ethnic, and age characteristics of the county population. Further, the
 103 governing authority shall ensure that all appointments made on or after July 1, 2015, are
 104 made from the following categories:

- 105 (1) Pediatric health care providers;
- 106 (2) Appropriate school personnel;
- 107 (3) Emergency responders;
- 108 (4) Law enforcement personnel;
- 109 (5) Private child welfare service providers;
- 110 (6) Alumni of the child welfare system;
- 111 (7) Mental health care providers;
- 112 (8) Former foster parents; and
- 113 (9) Leaders within the faith-based community.

114 (b) The term of office of members of the county board shall be for five years and until the
 115 appointment and qualification of their respective successors, ~~except that upon the~~
 116 ~~expiration of the terms of the members of the county board in office on July 1, 1994, one~~
 117 ~~member shall be appointed for a one-year term, one member for a two-year term, one~~
 118 ~~member for a three-year term, one member for a four-year term, and one member for a~~
 119 ~~five-year term.~~

120 (c) Appointments to fill vacancies on the county board caused by death, resignation, or
 121 removal before the expiration of a term shall be made for the remainder of such term in the
 122 same manner as provided in this Code section for original appointments. In the event that
 123 the governing authority of the county shall fail to fill any such vacancy or any vacancy
 124 caused by expiration of term on the county board within 90 days after such vacancy occurs,
 125 the commissioner may appoint members to the county board to fill such vacancies.

126 ~~(d) In addition to the five members required by subsection (a) of this Code section, the~~
 127 ~~county governing authority is authorized but not required to appoint two additional~~
 128 ~~members. One such additional member shall be a school counselor employed in the county~~
 129 ~~and one such additional member shall be a law enforcement officer of the county who is~~
 130 ~~responsible for investigating reports of child abuse. Members appointed pursuant to this~~
 131 ~~subsection shall be appointed for terms of five years and shall be paid the per diem~~
 132 ~~authorized in subsection (e) of this Code section. Appointments to fill vacancies created~~
 133 ~~by the death, resignation, or removal before the end of the term of a member appointed~~

134 ~~pursuant to this subsection shall be made in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code~~
 135 ~~section:~~

136 ~~(e)(d)~~ Members of the county board shall serve without compensation, except that they
 137 shall be paid a per diem of not less than \$15.00 per month and shall be reimbursed for
 138 traveling and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties;
 139 provided, however, that the gross expenses assessed against a county shall not exceed the
 140 amount of the budget of the county previously set aside and levied by the county authorities
 141 for such expenses.

142 ~~(f) In addition to the five members otherwise provided for in this Code section, the board~~
 143 ~~of family and children services in any county of this state having a population of 550,000~~
 144 ~~or more according to the United States decennial census of 1970 or any future such census~~
 145 ~~shall include an additional two members who shall be subject to this Code section in the~~
 146 ~~same manner as the five members otherwise provided for in this Code section. Each~~
 147 ~~member provided for in this subsection shall be appointed for a term of five years and until~~
 148 ~~the appointment and qualification of the member's successor, except that in the initial~~
 149 ~~appointment of the two additional members one member shall be appointed for a four-year~~
 150 ~~term and one member for a five-year term; and these initial members shall serve until the~~
 151 ~~appointment and qualification of their successors.~~

152 (e) The role of the county board shall be to protect the well-being of this state's children
 153 while preserving family integrity. County boards may review the administration of all
 154 welfare and public assistance functions for the county, including such programs as
 155 temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), supplemental nutrition assistance
 156 program (SNAP), employment services, child protective services, foster care, and
 157 adoptions, and shall report no less than annually and not later than December 15 of each
 158 year to the director of the Division of Family and Children Services of the department the
 159 effectiveness of the county department's provision of services, the needs of the community,
 160 and its recommendations for improved operations of the county department. County
 161 boards shall serve as an active liaison and a link between the county department and the
 162 local community. County boards shall support the overall mission of the Division of
 163 Family and Children Services of the department."

164 **SECTION 3.**

165 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 49-3-6, relating to the functions of
 166 county or district departments of family and children services, as follows:



May 18, 2015

The Honorable Richmond Felton, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners
121 S. Sumter Street
Oglethorpe, Georgia 31063

**SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD
PAVING OF MUSSELWHITE ROAD
MACON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Bids for the subject project were opened on May 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the County Courthouse in Oglethorpe, Georgia. In Attendance were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Roselyn Starling	Macon County Board of Commissioners
G. Pierre Rakel	Sowega Engineering LLC
Bill Goff	Griffin Folsom Construction
Allen Mason	Georgia Asphalt

Three bids were received for the work. They were:

	Base Bid	Alternate Bid
Reeves Construction Company	\$450,392.00	\$416,038.00
Griffin Folsom Construction	\$408,400.00	\$379,100.00
Georgia Asphalt, Inc.	\$376,586.00	\$370,082.00

A tabulation of the bids is attached.

There were 2 addendum issued on this project. The bids were reviewed for completeness, math errors and compliance with the solicitation. All Bids were

158 East Lee Street
(229) 995-6364

P.O. Box 735
sowega@windstream.net

Dawson Georgia 39842
(229) 995-4892 (fax)

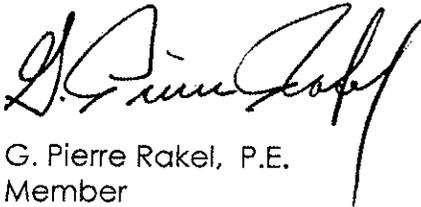
complete and complied with the solicitation. All three bidders submitted a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid as required by the solicitation. The bonding companies were listed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570, Listing of Approved Sureties. Based on this investigation all bids were found to be responsive.

We reviewed the low bidder's Statement of Qualifications submitted with their bid. Georgia Asphalt, Inc. appears to be capable of performing this project based on their current workload and experience. We also checked their references and found no evidence that they have failed to complete any work in the past. We also checked the U.S. Government's Excluded Parties Listing System to ensure Georgia Asphalt Inc. was not excluded from Federally Funded Contracts. Their name was not listed. Finally, Georgia Asphalt, Inc. has performed work on projects we have designed in the past and they have always performed well. Therefore based on our investigations and experience, we find Georgia Asphalt Inc. to be a responsible bidder.

Therefore, based on our review and investigation, we recommend the award of the contract for the building and paving of Musselwhite Road in Macon County, Georgia to Georgia Asphalt, Inc. as the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. It is our opinion that the Macon County proceed with the Base Bid amount because an asphalt surface will give you a longer life cycle than triple surface treatment and the difference between the base bid and alternate bid only \$6,500.00. Once the Commission approves the award we will prepare the Notice of Award and the Contract Documents for the Chairman's signature.

If you have any questions please call us at (229) 995-6364.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Pierre Rakel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

G. Pierre Rakel, P.E.
Member

Bidders List

Musselwhite Road Construction

Macon County, Georgia

12-May-15

PLAN HOLDER	BID AMOUNT	Alternate Amount
Reeves Construction Company	\$ 450,392.00	\$ 416,038.00
Giffin Folsom Construction	\$ 408,400.00	\$ 379,100.00
Womack Paving	NO BID	
Georgia Asphalt, Inc.	\$ 376,586.00	\$ 370,082.00

I certify that this is a true and accurate record of Bids received
for Musselwhite Road Paving Project

