RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-547

MEETING: October 21, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Wilson, Interim Public Works Director

RE: Approve a Contract with George Reed Inc.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Award a Contract for Services with George Reed Inc for the Rehabilitation of Bullion Street in the Not to Exceed Amount of $286,825.76 and Authorize the Interim Public Works Director to Sign the Contract with the concurrence of County Counsel.

The Plans and Specifications were revised on July 16, 2014. The re-bid advertised for three weeks in July 2014 with a bid opening date of August 5, 2014.

The work consists of the placement of a compacted asphalt concrete structural section over an existing asphalt pavement road surface. The scope of this project is 0.97 miles on Bullion Street from P.M. 10.00 to P.M. 10.97.

Funds in the amount of $240,076.00 are programmed for this project. Per Caltrans, a project must be awarded prior to negotiating any changes to the bid. It is the intention of the Public Works Department to negotiate and reduce the quantities and/or bid items so that the revised contract amount will be equal to or less than the programmed amount of $240,076.00. The Interim Public Works Director will not sign the contract and a notice to proceed will not be issued to the contractor until the contract amount is within the limits of the funding and County Counsel is in concurrence.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On March 27, 2007, per Resolution No. 07-109, the Board approved Public Works to proceed with programming the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) projects. Bullion Street is listed under the programmed SAFETEA-LU projects.

On June 7, 2011, per Resolution No. 11-262, the Board approved the plans and specifications and authorized the Public Works Director to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.
On October 22, 2013, per Resolution No. 2013-477, all bids for the Bullion Street Overlay project were rejected due to the bids exceeding available funding for the project.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
Do not approve; Public Works will not be able to proceed with the project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
Funds in the amount of $240,076.00 are allocated in fund 511-1311-781-0648; SAFETEA-LU.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
Contract with George Reed-Bullion Street Overlay (PDF)
HPLUL 5940(067) E-76 (PDF)

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 10/16/2014

**RESULT:**  ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
**MOVER:**  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
**SECONDER:**  Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
**AYES:**  Lee Stetson, Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann
**EXCUSED:**  John Carrier
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DOUG WILSON, Interim Public Works Director

FROM: RENE' LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve a Contract for Services with George Reed Inc for the Rehabilitation of Bullion Street in the Not to Exceed Amount of $286,825.76 and Authorize the Interim Public Works Director to Sign the Contract with the Concurrence of County Counsel

Resolution: 14-547

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 21, 2014

ACTION AND VOTE:

3. Public Works RES-2014-547

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Doug Wilson/Interim Public Works Director gave the staff report with Barbara Carrier/Public Works Assistant Director - Support Services in attendance; remarked that this is the second time this project went out to bid and that the dollar amounts came in at amounts higher than their funds; noted that they are requesting the contract be awarded for the bid amount, with the intention that they will then enter into negotiations with the contractor for a thinner overlay in order to reduce the price; noted that such a reduction will result in an incremental decrease in the life of the road; and discussed his intention to enter into a change order, and have it set up for his authority to sign it so there is no unreasonable loss of time to complete the project before bad weather sets in.

Discussion ensued between Supervisor Cann and Mr. Wilson regarding the anticipated contracted thickness and proposed modifications. Supervisor Cann expressed his concern regarding this road, and noted that money was reinserted into the roads budget and inquired if any of that could be used on this. Mr. Wilson responded that that is an option. After consulting with Barbara Carrier, Mr. Wilson noted that they might need to bring back a budget adjustment at mid-year, but they could find the additional $40,000 in road funds if that is the Board's preference. Supervisor Cann required clarification as to any potential reimbursements for the bridges. Mr. Wilson noted that it was doubtful that there would be any. Supervisor Cann remarked that he would like to see the road done properly. Mr. Wilson noted that it would be twenty to twenty-five years before they would be seeing asphalt on that road again. Mr. Wilson remarked that he does feel the full project is the better one; noted that it will strain the road funds to come up with the full $46,000, but that they could do it. Supervisor Jones
noted that the labor is the main expenditure on these projects, so short changing on materials won’t yield much. Mr. Wilson concurred, and noted that they are just trying to meet the existing funding. Supervisor Jones noted his support of Supervisor Cann’s suggestion. Supervisor Cann inquired if an amount is yet known for the repair of the Foresta bridges. Mr. Wilson responded that they would need $91,000. Supervisor Cann discussed extra money being added to the Roads Materials budget. Supervisor Bibby required clarification as to the General Fund Contingency Balance. Mary Hodson/Interim County Administrative Officer left the Chambers to look up the balance. Supervisor Jones inquired as to the contingency on this project. Mr. Wilson noted that right now there is none; and a contingency amount would be determined by the change order.

**Public comment opened.**

Greg Kittelson noted that the price of oil is going down, and inquired if it will have any effect on the price of materials.

Ron Ludice suggested not skimping on the project as Bullion Street is heavily used; remarked that it needs a good upgrade; and noted that someone is working on the end of Bullion Street right now.

Ruth Catalan noted that she is curious about the work being done and inquired if it is part of this contract that hasn’t been signed yet, or is it something different; and noted her agreement with not skimping on the project.

**Public comment closed.**

Mary Hodson returned and noted that there is approximately $570,000 in the Contingency Fund and reminded the Board that its balance is high because the County has deferred needed maintenance on the Courthouse; and remarked that it would fall below $400,000 if the Board funds discussed improvements.

Supervisor Bibby required clarification of the road depth, as item number 4 only shows one-half inch. Mr. Wilson responded that the one-half inch is the size of the aggregate in the asphalt. Supervisor Bibby inquired if the full two inch depth is what was bid. Mr. Wilson affirmed. Supervisor Bibby required clarification that they would be downsizing it one-quarter of an inch. Mr. Wilson affirmed. Supervisor Bibby inquired as to what projects would be impacted if the additional money is routed from other projects. Mr. Wilson noted that he could not give any specific projects at this time; but noted various line items that might be considered. Ms. Hodson remarked that the Board could be comfortable using the Road Fund dollars at this time, as they can bring an item back at mid-year. Supervisor Bibby noted that items were deferred during budget to midyear. Ms. Hodson remarked that the Courthouse construction and I.T. needs were deferred. Supervisor Bibby remarked that she would feel more comfortable not short changing this project; and discussed her concerns about not having any contingency on this project. Mr. Wilson noted his agreement; and stated that there is almost never a project with no change order.

Supervisor Cann suggested that Public Works take materials and contingency for the project, and come back to the Board in February with additional needs which could be dealt with from the general contingency; and inquired if they would have the ability to deal with it, should something happens. Mr. Wilson noted that they will make it work.

**Supervisor Jones moved to fund the contract at the full amount of $286,825.76, with the extra money being taken out of the Road Materials fund. Supervisor Stetson seconded the motion.**

Supervisor Bibby noted that she would like it better if they left the identification of the funding source to the department head and the CAO. Chair Cann noted that the motion is giving Public Works the authority to fund the full contract out of the Public Works road materials budget and then to come back in February with any specifics which that may affect. Supervisor Bibby noted that she would prefer that the extra funding not be identified as coming out of materials. County Counsel intervened, noting that if the maker and second both agree with Supervisor Cann’s summation, then the Board can move forward. The maker and second agreed.

*The motion passed 4-0, with Supervisor Carrier excused.*
RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
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