

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE JAIL REMODEL PROJECT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103, the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, bids for the Jail Remodel Project have been solicited, made, opened and reviewed pursuant to applicable Nebraska State Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, based on those proceedings, this Board has duly deliberated and considered the bids received; and,

WHEREAS, permission to re-solicit bids has been requested; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-108 and Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-810 that the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that the bids for the purpose set forth above be and hereby are, rejected with permission being given to rebid the project. The Clerk of the County is hereby directed to notify the bidder of this Board's action, to return the bid bonds posted herein, if necessary, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to effectuate the rejection of the offered bids.

The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

  
Sarpy County Board Chairman



  
County Clerk *Chief Deputy*

# Sarpy County Purchasing Department

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## MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

From: Beth Garber

Re: Reject Bid for Jail Interior Finishes Project

On December 3, 2015, one (1) bid was opened for the Jail Interior Finishes Project, also known as the Jail Remodel Project. There were nine (9) general contractors who participated in the project walk through and it was thought that four (4) of those contractors would submit a bid. After the bid we contacted various contractors to see why they did not submit a bid. Most of the contractors were having a difficult time finding subcontractors. A fair amount of the work in the project will be performed by non-skilled laborers which ordinarily would not be a problem, but since the work is being performed in a jail, some contractors were concerned that some of their workers may not be able to pass the background check. Another concern is the space is occupied, making a more difficult working environment than unoccupied spaces. In the bidding climate, there is enough work available that they do not need to take the risk of working in an occupied space.

The project estimate was \$1,246,707.70 - \$1,507,796.61. The base bid received from Rife Construction was \$1,820,332.00, which is approximately 21% higher than the high project estimate. Further, when contacting the references for Rife there was some noted concern about scheduling. There are critical areas of the remodel project that require a tight schedule.

The Jail command staff would like to re-solicit bids in the Fall, 2016. During this time, we will allow for a longer bidding period with multiple site walkthroughs to attract more subcontractors to the site. In the meantime, Jail staff will work with Facilities Management and Purchasing to accomplish some of the smaller projects in the scope of work.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

December 8, 2015

  
Beth Garber

cc: Deb Houghtaling  
Mark Wayne  
Scott Bovick  
Brian Hanson  
Brian Richards  
Dan Shukis  
Mike Jones



12/03/2015

**Sarpy County Jail Interior Finishes  
Papillion, Nebraska**

**CWPA 15145**

**Tabulation of Bids**

**December 3, 2015 3:00 p.m.**

<b>General Contract Bidders</b>	<b>Base Bid Lump Sum</b>	<b>Addenda No 1 &amp; No 2</b>	<b>Alternate No. 1</b>	<b>Bid Security</b>
All Purpose Utilities, Inc. La Vista, NE	---	---	---	
D.R. Anderson Constructors Omaha, NE	---	---	---	
Elkhorn West Construction Omaha, NE	---	---	---	
Rife Construction, Inc. Omaha, NE	1,820,332.00	Y	\$32,719.00	Y