

draft minutes of today's County Commission meeting showing the Board's approval of this item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to declare that it is in the public interest to have vegetative debris from Hurricane Irma removed from private rights-of-way to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety, with the condition that work on private rights-of-way does not commence until such time as the work is approved as eligible for reimbursement and the required approval is received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, and Commissioner Solari

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zorc

11.D. 17-0968 Hurricane Irma Recap

Recommended Action:

Attachments: Staff Report

County Administrator Jason Brown, in his PowerPoint Presentation, gave an overview of events and activities related to Hurricane Irma. Included in his address were details about the hurricane shelters, power restoration, emergency meal programs by the Salvation Army and Indian River County School Board, the Blue Tarp program, traffic signal restoration, and some alterations in the Building Department's permitting processes to facilitate homeowner repairs. He described the impacts of the storm on County beaches, and announced that Blue Cypress Park was currently closed due to high water levels. Administrator Brown discussed preliminary private/public damage assessments, and announced that the Florida Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be setting up its Disaster Recovery Center at the Brackett Library. He thereafter commended the Emergency Operations Center and other County Departments; Florida Power and Light; City of Vero Beach Electric; Law Enforcement Officers; the Senior Resource Association; Constitutional Officers; community volunteers; and various other entities that provided critical support/assistance to the community before, during, and after the storm.

No Action Taken or Required

12. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. Community Development



12.A.1. 17-0909 Recommendation of Award for RFP No. 2017054: Archie Smith Fish House Dock Restoration

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize award of the bid to Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$625,698.00, and authorize the Chairman to execute the sample agreement after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency, after receipt and approval of the required insurance by the Risk Manager and after receipt and approval of the required Public Construction Bond.

Attachments: Staff report

Drawing of dock restoration alternate components

Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. Bid Form

Current approved CIE Five -Year Schedule

Sample contractor agreement

Chief of Environmental Planning & Code Enforcement Roland DeBlois gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Archie Smith Fish House (the Fish House) and its proposed restoration design plans. He stated that one quote was received in response to the County's Request for Proposal, and that the responding firm, Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., had estimated the County's cost for the core project dock restoration and ice house restoration at \$625,698. Chief DeBlois relayed that \$100,000 of the funding would come from a cost-share grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), and recommended approval of the bid award to Underwater Engineering Services, Inc.

Purchasing Agent Jennifer Hyde addressed questions from the Board regarding the scarcity of bids that were received.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan was joined by Chairman Flescher in his analysis that the bid seems high.

Commissioner Adams stated that the cost seems consistent with other dock projects and that the renovation of the Fish House ties into Sebastian's Working Waterfront Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Solari, for discussion, to approve staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Solari stated that he would support the Fish House restoration since it had been purchased as a result of a referendum on the purchase of conservation lands.

David Cox, 9495 Periwinkle Drive, declared his support for the Fish House restoration, but encouraged the Board to rebid the project as certain dollar amounts in the bid were too high.

P.J. Pastor, Construction Management of Florida, Inc., explained that his firm did not bid because the scope of the project was unclear.

The Chairman CALLED THE QUESTION, and the motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari

Nay: 2 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zorc

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to: (1) reject the bid as presented; and (2) direct staff to break the job into smaller parts, such as bidding the removal of the deteriorated pilings/dock separately, and then proceed with other parts of the project at a time when the County may receive more favorable bid results.

Commissioner Adams communicated that there have been a lot of queries from the Sebastian Chamber of Commerce and citizens as to when the property would be refurbished, and wanted to know what the timeframe would be before the Fish House project could proceed.

Discussion ensued between the Board and staff about rebidding the project and whether firms could bid on separate components of the job.

Chief DeBlois reminded the Commissioners that the FIND grant will expire in approximately one year.

Community Development Director Stan Boling spoke in opposition to making multiple projects out of the Fish House Restoration, but suggested that some clarity be added to the bid specifications.

An AMENDED motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to: (1) reject the bid as presented; and (2) direct staff to redesign the bid with more clarity, and rebid the project in six months in an attempt to get a better bid price.

Purchasing Agent Hyde mentioned that with respect to preserving the FIND Grant, she would recommend that the Fish House Project be rebid as soon as possible, with the projected commencement date of January 2018.

An additional amendment to the motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to reject the bid as currently presented, and direct staff to rebid the Archie Smith Fish House Dock Restoration Project, with a projected commencement date of January 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, and Commissioner Solari

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Adams

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Zorc