

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

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**DATE:** August 16, 2024

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management & Budget  
Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**FROM:** Shelby Ball, Purchasing Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Rejection of RFP 2024054 for Gifford Aquatic Center Slide Replacement

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**BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department, proposals for the installation of a new waterslide system at the Gifford Aquatic Center were requested. The current slide was removed due to safety concerns.

**DISCUSSION:**

One proposal was received, from Close Construction, Inc., whose proposed price of \$1,606,368, did not include water system upgrades if we were to utilize their services, and exceeds the department budget of \$394,500.

A selection committee comprised of Joe Tilton, Recreation Programs Manager, Katie Marleau, Recreation Facilities Supervisor (GAC), Dave Smith, Aquatic System Manager, Tayvia Ruvane, Recreation Facilities Manager (NCAC), and Beth Powell, Director, Parks, Recreation and Conservation, independently reviewed the received proposal. The committee then met to discuss the proposal and determined it was not in the best interest of the County to award this project to Close Construction, due to the proposed cost and current vendor performance on another County project.

**FUNDING:**

There is no direct cost to the County for rejection of the proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board reject the proposal received in response to request for proposals 2024054.