

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

DATE: August 7, 2024

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Nancy A. Bunt, Assistant County Administrator
Kirstin Leiendecker, Acting Public Works Director

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Direct Purchase of Pedestrian Bridge for JRTC Walking Trail Project

BACKGROUND:

On September 12, 2023, the Board awarded bid 2023041 to Prince Land, Inc., for the Jackie Robinson Training Complex Walking Trail (IRC-1908), at a total bid of \$1,322,979.64. The work includes a steel span prefabricated pedestrian bridge connecting the new walking trail to the cloverleaf fields to the east.

Notice to proceed was issued on November 30, 2023, and with rain, holiday, and project time extensions, the date for substantial completion was June 14, 2024, and final completion July 14, 2024. The work on site has not reached substantial completion.

DISCUSSION:

Prince Land indicated the custom bridge would be delivered to the site for installation the week of July 22, 2024, however, on July 17, 2024, Bridge Brothers, Inc. of Pickens, SC, reached out to county staff regarding invoices for the bridge that were unpaid by Prince Land. Bridge Brothers indicated the bridge would not be shipped until three outstanding invoices for a total of \$252,264.95 in completed work, and 50% deposit for delivery and installation were paid.

The County's project manager, Rob Skok, reached out to Prince Land regarding the invoices, who ultimately indicated they did not have funds available to pay for the bridge.

In order to avoid further delay to the project, and amid the uncertainty of Prince Land's ability to facilitate delivery of the bridge, the County Administrator approved two purchase orders (99525 and 99572) to Bridge Brothers, in the total amount of \$347,536.38. This total reflects the past due invoices, plus the remaining balance of the delivery and installation fees, and an additional cost for work to relocate anchors that

were improperly placed by Prince Land's subcontractor. Copies of the purchase orders are available for review in the Purchasing Division. The bridge has been installed, and staff is highly pleased with the bridge and the work of Bridge Brothers.

Staff is currently working with Prince Land's bonding company to facilitate completion of the work remaining on the contract. A report relating to the overall status of the project will be presented to the Board in September.

FUNDING:

The cost of the bridge and associated work, in the amount of \$347,536.38, was paid from the Optional Sales Tax/JRTC Walking Trail account, number 31521072-066510-19021.

Account Number	Account Description	Total
31521072-066510-19021	Optional Sales Tax/JRTC Walking Trail	\$347,536.38

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of the bridge, as authorized by the County Administrator.