




Highway Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Cass County Commission

FROM: Thomas Soucy, Cass County Engineer 

DATE: March 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Agenda Item for March 18, 2024 Commission Meeting: Highway Department Budget Adjustment & Structure Replacement Projects (TB2605, TB2505, & TB2506 in Cornell & Everest Twps.).

This past winter the road and bridge projects bids have been coming in under budget.

The projected begin year balance was also higher than the 2024 approved budget by approximately \$3.4M. This was due to receiving the Legacy Non-Oil producing Counties funding of \$2.4M in December of 2023 instead of 2024, along with other budget line-item savings.

Therefore, the decision was made to bid three more Concrete Box Culvert Projects in 2024 to take advantage of the lower bid prices. These additional projects will also be presented at the March 18th, 2024, Road Advisory Committee seeking their approval.

Therefore, we are respectfully submitting a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$1,381,211 to the bridge construction budget line item 211-4001-431-45.50. The projected ending year balance is approximately \$5.4M or \$1.4M higher than 2024 budget.

Also, attached are the contract documents with John Riley Construction, Inc. for Structure Replacements in sections 28/29 Everest Twp (TB2605), 10/15 Cornell Twp (TB2505) & 15/22 Cornell Twp (TB2506) of Cass County.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve a budget adjustment of \$1,381,211 to the bridge construction budget line item 211-4001- 431-45.50, and authorize chairperson to sign contract documents with John Riley Construction, Inc. for the structure replacements in sections 28/29 Everest Twp (TB2605), 10/15 Cornell Twp (TB2505) & 15/22 Cornell Twp (TB2506) of Cass County subject to State's Attorneys approval.

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CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUEST

COMPANY REQUESTING CONTRACT:

John Riley Construction, Inc., PO Box 535, Morris, MN 56267

DATE OF REQUEST: March 7, 2024

DATE OF EXPECTED RETURN TO THE COMMISSION OFFICE: March 18, 2024

DEPARTMENT HEAD REQUESTING SIGNATURE:  Thomas Soucy, 701-298-2374

STATE'S ATTORNEY SIGNATURE: _____

STATE'S ATTORNEY COMMENTS: _____

PORTFOLIO COMMISSIONER SIGNATURE: _____

Request for bids for Structure Replacement in sections 28/29 Everest Twp (TB2605), 10/15 Cornell Twp (TB2505) & 15/22 Cornell Twp (TB2506) of Cass County was received.

<u>Engineer's Estimate</u>	<u>TB2605</u>	<u>TB2505</u>	<u>TB2506</u>	<u>GRAND TOTOAL</u>
	\$934,788.00	\$349,429.00	\$347,722.50	\$1,631,939.50

The Bids were received as follows:

	<u>TB2605</u>	<u>TB2505</u>	<u>TB2506</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
John Riley Construction, Inc	\$621,849.50	\$381,760.50	\$377,600.50	\$1,381,210.50
Gladen Construction	\$771,065.75	\$362,048.25	\$354,456.75	\$1,487,570.75
Landwehr Construction, Inc	\$828,758.21	\$382,246.53	\$420,639.49	\$1,631,644.23
Midwest Contracting LLC	\$886,926.00	\$520,015.00	\$515,815.00	\$1,922,756.00
Central Specialties, Inc	\$882,298.00	\$516,873.00	\$529,573.00	\$1,928,744.00

SUGGESTED MOTION: AUTHORIZE CHAIRPERSON TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH JOHN RILEY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT ON THE TOWNSHIP SECTIONS STATED ABOVE SUBJECT TO STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPROVAL.

**CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
CONTRACT**

This agreement made and entered into by Cass County, North Dakota, party of the first part, **John Riley Construction, Inc., PO Box 535, Morris, MN 56267** party of the second part (hereinafter called Contractor),
WITNESSETH:

1. That for and in consideration of the payments to be made by the party of the first part, the contractor promises and agrees to furnish and deliver all labor, equipment, and materials, and to pay or cause to be paid as they become due, all claims for any work, labor, materials, equipment, including equipment rental or repair, and other supplies or insurance premiums, all of which are attributable to or utilized in and about the improvement and construction of **TB2605, TB2505, & TB2506** In accordance and in conformity with the provisions of this contract, the project proposal, the standard specification, supplemental specifications, special provisions, and all of which are hereby made a part of this agreement as fully and to the same effect as if the same had been set forth in the body of this agreement. References in the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2023 edition, to the North Dakota Department of Transportation or Department must be construed as referring to the owner. Likewise, a reference by the same works to engineer or director must be construed as referring to the owner of the project.

2. The party of the first part agrees and promises to pay to the Contractor for said work, when completed and accepted in accordance with the provisions of this contract, the price set forth in the said proposal, amounting approximately to **One Million, Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,381,210.50)** payments to be made as provided in said specifications upon presentation of the proper certificates of the County Engineer, or his representatives, and under the terms of this contract.

3. The said work shall be done in accordance with the terms of this contract, and the laws of the State of North Dakota, under direct supervision and to the entire satisfaction of the County Highway Department, subject at all times to the inspection and approval of the engineer.

4. The decision of the engineer upon questions connected with the execution of this agreement or any failure or delay in the prosecution of the work by the Contractor shall be final and conclusive.

5. In the employment of labor, other things being equal, preference shall be given to honorably discharged Veterans of the Armed Forces, and bona fide North Dakota residents, as determined by NDCC Section 43-07-20.

6. The Contractor shall begin construction work when so ordered by the Cass County Highway Department and shall maintain at all times thereon a maximum and efficient working force necessary to complete the work within the time established by this contract.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties to this contract have set their hands and seal this ____ day of _____ 2024.

CASS COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA

Chairperson, Cass County Board of Commissioners

Contractor

WITNESS TO CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE

By _____

Title _____

CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
CONTRACT BOND

Project Nos. TB2605, TB2505 & TB2506

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that we John Riley Construction, Inc., PO Box 535, Morris, MN 56267

as principal, and _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SURETY

as surety, are held and firmly bound unto Cass County, North Dakota, as owner in the penal sum of One Million, Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand, Two Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,381,210.50) for the use of the owner and also for the use of any person having any lawful claim against the principal or any subcontractor on account of labor or supplies or materials as set forth in the conditions hereof; for the payment of which well and truly to be made we jointly and severally bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, and successors, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, said principal has entered into a written contract with the owner for: _____

Type of Work: Structure Replacement

TB2605, TB2505, & TB2506, in Cass County, North Dakota, which contract and incorporated plans and specifications are by this reference made a part hereof, and are hereinafter referred to as the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS THAT if the principal shall: (1) perform all the terms, covenants and conditions of said contract; (2) protect the owner against any loss or damage from any cause arising out of said contract; (3) pay or cause to be paid all bills and claims against the principal or any subcontractor on account of labor or services performed and all materials, equipment or supplies furnished, whether directly or indirectly arising out of the performance of said contract; (4) pay all insurance premiums and all items for which payment under the terms of the contract is to be made or guaranteed by the principal; (5) have made or will make, prior to the commencement of any work by the principal or any subcontractor under such contract, full and true report to the Worker's Compensation Bureau of the payroll expenditures for the employees to be engaged in such work, and that the principal has paid, or will pay, the premium thereon prior to the commencement of such work; (6) pay or cause to be paid all contributions due to the Unemployment Compensation Division; and (7) pay or cause to be paid any and all taxes that may be assessed or levied or to be a charge against such contractor or any subcontractor under such contract by the state or any of its subdivisions; then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it will remain in full force and effect.

And the said surety hereby stipulates and agrees that any change, extension, alteration, deduction or addition, with or without notice to the surety, in or to the terms of said contract or the plans or the specifications accompanying the same as provided for therein, shall not in anywise affect the obligation and liability of said surety on this bond.

SIGNED and SEALED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

(SEAL OF PRINCIPAL)

PRINCIPAL

By: _____

Title: _____

SURETY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

An individual doing business under a firm name must give both names, and the individual shall designate himself as sole owner.

If a partnership, so state, and at least one member of such partnership must sign.

If a corporation, the full corporate name must be used and the execution must be by an officer of the corporation.

Any other person executing for the principal or surety must attach a power of attorney.

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

(SEAL OF SURETY)

By: _____

Title: _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

NOTICE TO SURETY

Section 26.1-03-01, N.D.C.C. Provides:

"Limitation on risks acceptable by company. An insurance company transacting an insurance business in this state may not expose itself to loss on any one risk or hazard to an amount exceeding ten percent of its paid-up capital and surplus if a stock company, or ten percent of its surplus if a mutual company, unless the excess is reinsured."

If excess reinsurance agreements are required on this bond, an affidavit executed by an officer of the surety shall be attached, stating that such reinsurance agreements have been entered into and are in effect at the time the bond is executed, giving the name an address of all companies with whom such agreements have been entered, and that copies of such reinsurance agreements will be furnished to the North Dakota commissioner of insurance.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

State of _____

ss.

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____ 2024, before me a notary public in and for the state of _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be (title) of the principal described in the within instrument and who executed the same and acknowledged to me that the same was executed for and on behalf of said principal.

Notary Public, State of _____

(Notary Public must print or type name here.)

(NOTARY SEAL)

My Commission expires _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

State of _____

SS.

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____ 2024, before me a notary public in and for the state of _____, personally appeared _____, known to me to be (title) of the surety described in the within instrument and who executed the same and acknowledged to me that the same was executed for and on behalf of said surety.

Notary Public, State of _____

(Notary Public must print or type name here.)

(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires _____

Approved as to form this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Cass County States Attorney

Approved by owner this _____ day of _____ 2024.

By _____
Chairperson, Cass County Board of Commissioners