



**COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**December 5, 2013**

**8:00 AM**

**Kent County Administration Office  
300 Monroe Ave. NW  
Room 311  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Vonk, Shroll, Bulkowski, Groenleer, Vander Molen, Byl

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Rolis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Douglas G. Wood, Director; Dennis Kmiecik, Solid Waste Division Director; Ron Landis, Director of Engineering; Dan Kendall, Finance Division Director; Elissa Soto, Office Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Cal Brinks, Purchasing Division; Linda Howell, Assistant Corporate Counsel

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Vonk called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and supported by Commissioner Byl to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Solid Waste Operations**

**A. Home and Barn Demolition**

Staff requested approval of a demolition contractor for the Mulder and LeFebre properties. Bids were received on Thursday, November 21, 2013 by Kent County Purchasing Division for the demolition of the home and outbuildings at 10684 Clyde Park (Mulder property) and hay barn at 4631 - 14<sup>th</sup> Street (LeFebre

property). The bid tabulation sheets for each property are attached.

Staff is recommending hiring the low bidder, Specialized Demolition, Inc. (SDI) of Hamilton, MI, to perform the demolition at both properties. The cost for the Mulder demolition is \$8,000, and the cost for the LeFebre barn demolition is \$3,000. Work will be completed on a lump sum basis.

Although SDI has not performed work for Kent County DPW before, the Kent County Purchasing Division checked multiple references, and they were given very good reviews.

Director Wood added that the material from this demolition will go to the South Kent Landfill.

*Description:* DPW Barn Demolition

*Date:* 11/21/2013

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
<u>Specialized Demolition, Inc.</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
APEX Contractors, Inc.	\$4,750.00
Bultsma Excavating, Inc.	\$4,965.00
Pitsch Companies	\$6,100.00

*Description:* Demolition - Residential Home and Outbuildings

*Date:* 11/21/2013

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
<u>Specialized Demolition, Inc.</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
Bultsma Excavating, Inc.	\$8,933.00
Pitsch Companies	\$11,000.00

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen to award the demolition contract for the property at 10684 Clyde Park (Mulder property) at a cost of \$8,000 and the hay barn at 4631 - 14<sup>th</sup> Street (LeFebre property) at a cost of \$3,000, to Specialized Demolition, Inc. (SDI).

Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Resource Recovery/Household Hazardous Waste**

#### **1. Electronics Recycling Disposal Contract**

Staff requested approval for authorizing the extension of the Service Agreement with Comprenew Environmental for the collection, packaging, transportation and disposal of electronic recyclables.

Through the Purchasing Division bids for electronic recycling services were solicited on October 16, 2012. The agreement was for a one year period with the option to extend the agreement for an additional year. Staff wishes to extend the contract for the additional year.

Mr. Kmiecik added that in the past the Department paid a company to collect electronics; Comprenew has offered to pay the DPW to collect them. This system has worked very well this past year and staff would like to extend it.

## **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and seconded by Commissioner Groenleer to extend the existing agreement with Comprenew Environmental for the collection, packaging, transportation and disposal of electronic recyclables for one year and further, authorize the Director to execute the service agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. HHW Disposal Contract**

Approval was requested for the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Contract for 2014 and 2015. Bids were received on November 5, 2013 by the Purchasing Division for a two (2) year contract for the disposal of household hazardous wastes collected from the county program. Staff is recommending low bid SQS, Inc. from Livonia, Michigan at a cost of \$89,120.00 per year. The Department has used this vendor for the past 3 years and has been very satisfied with their work. Payment will only be made for actual quantities processed.

Mr. Kmiecik emphasized that the Department only pays for what is collected. This is the same company that was used in previous years. The price shows an increase because of the increase in tonnage as more residents use the program.

Commissioner Shroll noted a large discrepancy between the low bidder and others. Mr. Kmiecik stated that it could be because how some of these companies dispose of the waste or their transportation costs.

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>SQS, Inc. dba ERG Environmental Services</b>	<b>\$ 89,120.00</b>
EQ Industrial Services, Inc.	\$ 97,962.50
Drug & Laboratory Disposal, Inc.	\$ 113,417.00
PSC Environmental Services	\$ 115,467.50
Tradebe Treatment & Recycling, LLC	\$ 234,267.75

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Shroll and seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen to award the contract to the low bidder, SQS, Inc., from Livonia, Michigan at a cost of \$89,120.00 per year and to authorize the Director to execute the prepared documents with SQS.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. Approval of Monetary Outlays**

#### **MOTION**

It was moved by Commissioner Vander Molen and supported by Commissioner Rolls to approve the monetary outlays for the month of December 2013

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI. Director's Report**

##### **A. Organizational Meeting**

The organizational meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2014 at the Scribner location. Board members were also given proposed meeting dates for 2014.

##### **B. Community Involvement**

Director Wood reported that he no longer serves on the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum. There are other staff members that remain members of the group. He added that he was recently selected to serve on the board for West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC).

**VII. Miscellaneous**

**A. Solid Waste Plan**

Commissioner Byl wondered about communication received from Honigman Attorneys representing the Waste Industries Associations, regarding the Solid Waste Plan Amendment. Linda Howell, Assistant Corporate Counsel stated that Honigman alleges that the surcharge is a tax, in which case it may trigger a Hedley review. She stated that the surcharge is not a tax and will be used specifically for legacy costs and the household hazardous waste program.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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William Byl, Board Secretary