

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: September 28, 2026

FROM: Tim Gwaltney, P.E., Deputy Town Engineer

SUBJECT: Professional Services Agreement for Wolf River Boulevard Trail and Sidewalk Improvements

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this Agenda item is for the Board of Mayor & Aldermen (BMA) to consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for the Wolf River Boulevard (WRB) Trail & Sidewalk Improvements project.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Town of Collierville received a Tennessee Governor's Award in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of construction of a new pedestrian bridge over the Wolf River connecting the Collierville Greenbelt System with the Shelby County Greenbelt System. In 2025, the Town received an additional \$750,000 from the State of Tennessee for the Wolf River Bridge Project.

The Town entered into a PSA with Barge Design Solutions to provide engineering design and construction administration services for the project in 2023 in the amount of \$510,000.00. In February 2026, the Town opened bids for the construction phase of the Wolf River Pedestrian Bridge Project. Four (4) bids were received with the lowest bid from Chris Hill Construction in the amount of \$4,736,246.00. Available funding for the project was approximately \$3,240,000.00 leaving a deficit of \$1,496,246.00. On March 23, 2026, on the recommendation of Town Staff and Barge Design Solutions, the Board voted to reject all bids received for the Wolf River Pedestrian Bridge Project. Due to Construction Administration services not being utilized in Barge Design's PSA, their contract for this project was terminated with a balance of \$238,911.18 in June of 2026.

The Town requested and received state approval to use the balance of the Governor's Award on another project (Exhibit 1). The project involves design and construction of a sidewalk along the north side of WRB from the Beehive Homes Assisted Living Facility (1368 WRB) to the entrance of St. George's Independent School, approximately 4,200 feet in length. The project also includes the design and construction of an asphalt trail beginning at the Observation Overlook at the Robbins-Halle Nature Preserve and connecting to the existing sidewalk on the south side of WRB at Almadale Farms Parkway, approximately 3,500 feet in length. Upon completion, bicyclists and pedestrians will be able to travel from the Houston Levee/WRB intersection area to Johnson Park using a combination of trails, sidewalk and dedicated bike lanes, eliminating the need to share vehicular travel lanes and greatly improving safety for all forms of transportation. This project is included in the Town's FY27 Capital Investment Program.

DISCUSSION:

Barge Design Solutions provided the professional services for creating the Town's Master Greenbelt and Trails plan. Due to their familiarity of the trail and sidewalk improvements planned along the WRB corridor, the Town requested them to provide a scope and fee proposal for this project (Exhibit 2).

Staff's opinion is the proposed scope adequately addresses the tasks needed to complete the project and the proposed fee in the amount of \$266,757.00 is reasonable. The project is anticipated to take approximately 18 months including field surveying, design, permitting and construction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the PSA.

**BUDGET IMPACT:
CIP**

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
131	44400	939-202703	Wolf River Blvd Trail & Sidewalk Improvements	\$3,465,041.18	\$0.00	\$266,757.00	\$3,198,284.18	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

[Exhibit 1 - Vicinity Map - Wolf River Blvd Trail and Sidewalk Improvements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Barge Design - WRB Trail and Sidewalk.pdf](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$266,757.00 for the Wolf River Boulevard Trail and Sidewalk Improvements project.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						