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GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	September 5, 2024
SPONSOR:	D. Smith
ITEM TYPE:	Procurement
AGENDA SECTION:	CONSENT AGENDA - General Business
AGENDA LANGUAGE:	Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Atlas Marine LLC for the emergency repair of Saint Simons Island Pier fender system in an amount of \$97,500 with funding to be provided by the Accommodation Excise Tax Fund FY25 approved budget. (D. Smith)
BACKGROUND:	<p>Section 2-2-13 (c)(7) of the procurement ordinance allows the Board of Commissioners to suspend part or all of the procurement ordinance in the event of a declared state of emergency, or under circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety or the preservation of property or public services. Staff is asking the Board to suspend the requirements to bid out the repairs to the Saint Simons Island Pier fender system and authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Atlas Marine LLC to complete these repairs.</p> <p>Glynn County Public Works Department was initiating a reconstruction of the wood fender system at the St Simons Island Pier. The current fender is approximately 22 years old. In May of this year, it was discovered that the fender was deteriorating. Public Works staff attempted to make minor repairs. It was quickly discovered that the repairs needed were beyond the scope and capabilities of staff.</p>

Efforts were made to obtain quotes for the needed work. Atlas Marine was the single vendor who was willing and able to provide a quote and complete the work in a timely manner. While investigating the fender to provide a quote for repairs, it was discovered that not only were the wailers failing but that the pilings were also rotting at the ground and the area around the wood piles had suffered from scour, further exacerbating the problems, and accelerating the failure of the fender. From this point, the pace of deterioration hastened, leading to the need for a complete reconstruction of the fender to include the installation of new pilings, which will also allow longer piles to be installed to compensate for and guard against additional scour. The vendor, Atlas Marine, has a window to allow them to complete this work in the next month as they have their barge and other equipment in the Brunswick area.

The fender is located at the pier for use by emergency responder boats, including the Coast Guard and Georgia DNR. Without the fender in place, the law enforcement and emergency boats cannot utilize the Pier.

In addition, the Brunswick Pilots, pilots for ship navigation into and out of the ports, frequently utilize the pier and fender.

In the event of an emergency such as the Golden Ray capsizing, the fender and ability to utilize the pier to load and unload people and small equipment, is invaluable.

ATTACHMENTS:

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