



Resource Management Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 25, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-624-7010

SUBJECT: Award Contract for Construction of Harvest Avenue Improvements Project

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.J. Berry Jr., Inc., from Selma, California, in the amount of \$751,127 for construction of Harvest Avenue Improvements Project, in the community of Goshen; and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the contract after review and approval as to form by County Counsel and upon receipt of certificates of insurance, bonds and evidence that the contractor possesses a valid State Contractors License; and
3. Allow funds for contingencies in the amount \$50,056 to cover unexpected construction conditions; and
4. Authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency or his designee to approve contract change orders up to the amount of allowed funds for contingencies.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County is the lead agency for the Harvest Avenue Improvements Project ("the Project") to oversee the improvements in the unincorporated community of Goshen. The Betty Drive Interchange Project, managed by Caltrans, included the realignment of Road 64 between Avenue 304 and Avenue 308. The realignment of Road 64 necessitated the extension of Harvest Avenue approximately 450 feet west from its

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existing terminus at the existing Road 64 alignment. Harvest Avenue is currently developed with mixed uses including residential and industrial/commercial. This portion of Harvest Avenue also includes Goshen Elementary School.

The Project consists of road improvements along Harvest Avenue between Road 64 and Road 68 to provide continuity to the new segment constructed as part of the Betty Drive Interchange Project. The Project includes pavement reconstruction, construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, ADA related improvements, storm drain facilities, and related improvements (signing/stripping, etc.).

Construction Bids

The Project was authorized to bid by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution No. 2020-0303) on June 9, 2020. Bids were opened on July 23, 2020 and nine (9) bids were received, summarized as follows:

Contractor	Total Bid
R.J. Berry Jr., Inc.	\$751,127
JT2 Inc. DBA Todd Companies	\$756,719
MAC General Engineering	\$838,270
Emmett's Excavation	\$842,129
American Paving Co.	\$855,632
Avison Construction Inc.	\$878,133
Bush Engineering	\$885,527
Dawson-Mauldin, LLC	\$1,008,070
DOD Construction	\$1,089,158
Engineer's Estimate	\$1,285,305

The lowest bid in the amount of \$751,127 was submitted by R.J. Berry Jr., Inc., from Selma, California. This bid is \$534,178 lower than the Engineer's Estimate. The highly competitive bids came in lower than the Engineer's Estimate due to the sheer number of plan holders who were listed and bid on the project. Based on staff's analysis of the bids, the reduced project costs came mainly as a result of lower than estimated costs for Mobilization, Roadway Excavation, Aggregate Base, Hot Mix Asphalt and Construction Staking when compared to the Engineer's Estimate. The cost of lump sum items such as Mobilization and Construction Staking can greatly vary based on availability of local contractors and the competitiveness of the bidding market.

Based on the information mentioned above, it is Resource Management Agency staff's recommendation that the Board award the contract to R.J. Berry Jr., Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. R.J. Berry Jr., Inc. has satisfactorily performed similar projects, where they demonstrated that they (1) have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, (2) are able to comply with the associated legal or regulatory requirements, (3) have or can obtain necessary data, equipment, and facilities, and (4) is otherwise eligible and qualified to receive award.

Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2020.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net County cost to the General Fund.

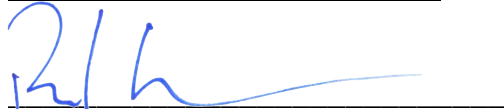
Funding for the Harvest Avenue Improvements Project is 100% funded through Measure R Regional funds. A summary of the total project cost for the Harvest Avenue Improvements Project is as follows:

Engineering Design:	\$130,000
Right of Way:	\$23,000
Construction:	\$751,127
Contingencies:	\$50,056
Construction Engineering:	\$100,000
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Total:	\$1,054,183

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security and Economic Well Being - This project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the local users of this facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Attachment A – Vicinity Map

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD CONTRACT) Resolution No. _____
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HARVEST) Agreement No. _____
AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 25, 2020, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

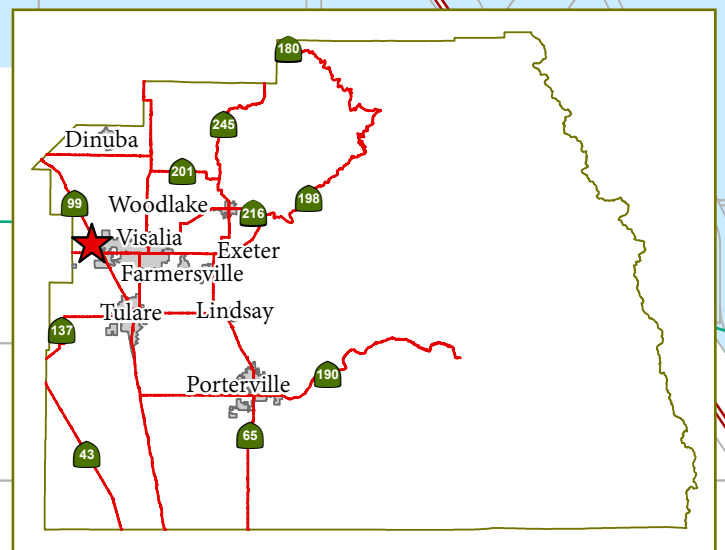
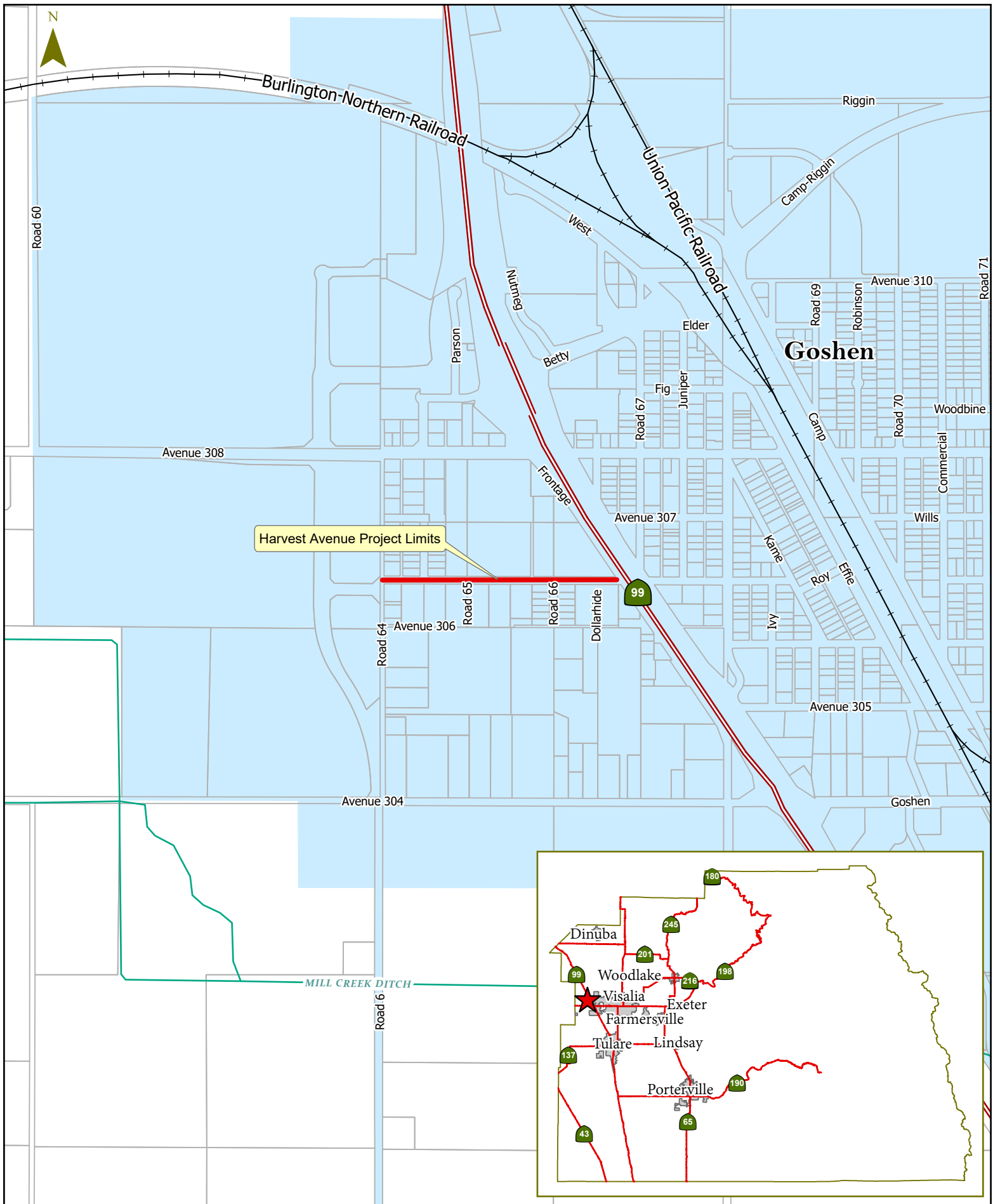
ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A
Vicinity Map



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Vicinity Map
Harvest Avenue Improvements Project