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To: Rowan County Board of Commissioners  
Aaron, Church, County Manager

From: Jody Farrow-Bennett, Director of Purchasing/Contract Administration

Re: Award & Approval of Contract with Wharton-Smith (WEP Bid)

Date: January 6, 2023

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Rowan County received proposals for the West End Plaza, ADW Project Number 19006, on January 18, 2023. The original bid opening was January 5, 2023, but we did not have the required minimum of three (3) bids to open. Statute allows for a re-bid if three (3) bids are not received at original opening and can be awarded without a minimum bid.

Two bids were received at the re-bid opening. The County would like to award the bid to Wharton-Smith, Inc. Construction Group who submitted the lowest total base bid in the amount of \$25,630,800.00.

The County requested special financing that was approved by the BOC on January 23, 2023, this amount was included within approved documentation.

Attached are the bid tab form, proposal from Wharton-Smith, and the AIA contract.

Recommendation: Board of Commissioners to award the bid to Wharton-Smith, Inc. Construction Group and authorize County Manager to approve the Contract with Wharton-Smith, Inc.; Not to Exceed \$25,630,800.00