



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 5

DATE OF MEETING: January 4, 2010

REQUESTED BY: David McCole, Finance Director

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Telecommunications, Inc., for Installation of a New Fire Alarm at Penderlea School: \$45,382

BACKGROUND: Of the \$56 million school bond referendum approved by voters on May 3, 2005, \$2,306,000 was originally allocated for renovations to Penderlea School. Pursuant to a budget ordinance amendment on September 19, 2007, this allocation was reduced by \$1,806,000 to \$500,000. Thus far the Board has authorized allocations totaling \$377,348.70 to this project.

At this time, the schools are requesting approval of a purchase order to Telecommunications, Inc. in the amount of \$45,382 for installation of a new fire alarm at Penderlea School. The existing fire alarm does not meet today's fire code and does not cover the gym or the auditorium. The auditorium has a stand-alone system that does not communicate with the main building system.

The new fire alarm system will be comparable to the ones installed in the new schools and will have the ability to dial the monitoring company, who will in turn call the fire department.

The County and Schools have entered into the appropriate agreements to permit the County to pay the bills associated with this construction in order to recapture the sales taxes paid and realize a substantial savings.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of Commissioners is requested to consider a resolution to authorize a purchase order to Telecommunications, Inc. to install a new fire alarm at Penderlea School.

Fire Alarm Bids

We have received bids to install a new alarm at Penderlea Elementary School. The existing alarm does not meet today's fire code and does not cover the gym or the auditorium. The auditorium has a stand alone system that does not communicate with the main building system.

The new alarm system will be comparable to the ones installed in our new schools and will have the ability to dial the monitoring company who will in turn call the fire department. The bids are as follows:

1. SONITROL VERIFIED ELECTRONIC CONTROL-----\$50,993.00
2. ENVIROCON, INC. -----\$50,048.00
3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS,INC -----\$45,382.00

We respectfully request that the bid be awarded to TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS.

This project will be funded form the School Construction Bonds and will be presented to the Pender County Commissioners.

Respectfully,

David Smith
Director of Auxiliary Services
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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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To: Robert @ Pender Co. Schools
From: Jack Morrow @ Telecommunications, Inc.
Re: Penderlea Middle fire alarm replacement

Your price to furnish and install a completely new fire alarm system at the above referenced site shall be \$45,382.00. Price includes all taxes and shipping and complete installation adhering to all applicable NFPA and NEC codes. Thanks for letting us quote this project and please call with any questions. Best regards!