

RESOLUTION NO. 98-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DIVIDE THE TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INTO THREE ELEMENTS; AND TO FIND THAT ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER STATION PROJECT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY CONDUCTED.

WHEREAS, St. Johns County ("County") is endeavoring to have constructed a Transfer Station, and utilize such Transfer Station in conjunction with a Transfer Station and Solid Waste Removal Contract already executed; and

WHEREAS, the County fully advertised and arranged for competitive bids to be submitted back to the County no later than September 30, 1998 for said Transfer Station construction project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, no bid responses were received by the County by the required September 30 deadline, and the County therefore extended the deadline until October 15, 1998; and

WHEREAS, only one bid was received by the County by the October 15 deadline, and such bid grossly exceeded the County's projected cost of the project (County's projected cost: \$750,000-\$900,000; sole bid was for \$1,500,000); and

WHEREAS, County staff, after contacting the sole bidder and discussing the cost differential, has rejected said bid in accordance with the County's express right to reject any bid; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that the County arrange for the construction of the Project in a timely manner to avoid interruption of the essential governmental service of solid waste collection and disposal; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 255.0525 (Advertising for competitive bids or proposals) provides that in certain circumstances "the procedures required in this section may be altered by the local governmental entity in any manner that is reasonable..." and

WHEREAS, s. 255.0525 further provides that such a circumstance includes "an unexpected turn of events that causes...[a]n interruption in the delivery of an essential governmental service;" and

WHEREAS, County staff has determined that dividing the Project into 1) site work; 2) building (including slab); and 3) preparation of construction/bid documents would facilitate the completion of the Project in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Project needs to be completed by March/April, 1999 to avoid an interruption of an essential governmental service, and the lack of an acceptable bid constitutes an unexpected event; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to expend only the minimum of public monies needed to properly perform the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that:

1. All the Whereas clauses above are incorporated herein and duly made findings of this Board.
2. The County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to divide the Project into site work; building (including slab); and preparation of construction/bid documents.
3. F.S. 255.0525 advertising requirements have been reasonably complied with through the County's prior advertising, and the interrupted governmental service that will be caused by not initiating the Project as soon as possible. The County staff shall advertise and solicit as reasonable under the present circumstances.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 27 day of October, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Moses A. Floyd  
Moses A. Floyd, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Alicia D. Grande  
Deputy Clerk

