

Fayette County project contractors approved

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Several Fayette County projects will move from the planning stage to groundbreaking following action by the county redevelopment authority.

The board of directors awarded four contracts Wednesday that will allow for various road paving projects to get underway.

In unanimous action, the board approved a contract with Victor Paving and Construction Inc. of Monongahela for the paving of Cave Street in Georges Township.

Five companies submitted bids for the project, ranging from a \$55,224 bid amount from Glenn Johnston Inc. of Belle Vernon to the Monongahela firm's low bid of \$37,674.

Andrew French, authority executive director, said that the 1,400-lineal-foot project would impact about 16 homes.

Victor Paving will also be the contractor for a road reconstruction project in Dunbar Township along Upper Sandy Road. Four companies submitted bids for the 3,300-lineal-foot project ranging from \$69,982 to \$61,775, offered by Victor Paving.

A Lemont Furnace contractor was awarded a contract for road reconstruction work along Front Street in New Geneva, Nicholson Township.

A.C. Moyer Co. Inc. was the lowest bidder among the five contractors offering proposals for the 3,100-lineal-foot project offering a bid of \$25,500.

The projects will be funded through the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program money received by the county, and administered by the authority for the municipalities.

In related business, the board additionally approved a contract with Widmer Engineering Inc. of Connellsville to provide engineering services for a sanitary sewer system improvement project along Painter Street in South Connellsville.

The scope of work will include the preparation of final designs and specifications for the construction of the project.

The maximum cost is not to exceed \$6,000, and the project will be completed by June. 30. The CDBG funding will be used to defray the cost.

Turning to other matters, the board also conducted the following business:

n Awarded a contract to Demco Excavating Inc. of Farmington for upgrading the Market Street parking lot in Brownsville. The \$149,649 contract is to allow for removal of debris, landscaping, meter removal and other work. French said the work is tied to the ongoing revitalization of the downtown area.

n Hired Kathy Moore as a part-time accounting clerk at an hourly salary of \$11.

n Authorized the attendance of Al Jeffries, housing development director, at the 2013 Affordable Comfort Inc. National Home Performance Conference in Denver, Co. from April 30-May3.

n Tabled action regarding the appointment of a solicitor. The board agreed to solicit letters of interest from other local attorneys before taking action in the matter.