

Redevelopment authority extends sales agreement for hotel developer

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The Fayette County Redevelopment Authority has approved an extended sales agreement with a local developer that will allow additional time to finalize financing for a \$17 million hotel construction project.

In unanimous action on Wednesday, the authority board amended its contract with Synergy Development Fayette LLC, moving its final purchase date of the two lots owned by the authority from June 5 to July 31.

Synergy Development President Allan Wampler said that the 28 local investors are poised to finalize the deal with the bank but are in need of additional time to complete the outstanding details.

“Everyone is rushing toward closing,” he said.

The authority entered into a two-year contract with Synergy in 2012 for the sale of the property.

The real estate group, in partnership with Fairchance Construction Co., plans to construct a 119-room Hilton Garden Inn at the intersection of Route 40, Wayland Smith Drive and Synergy Drive in South Union Township.

Wampler said that the hotel will include an indoor pool, conference room, restaurant, cocktail lounge and fitness spa, in addition to other amenities.

“We also hope to host small events,” he said, adding that parking will be expanded to 151 spaces to accommodate on-site conferences or weddings. “The Hilton Garden Inn will be the first upscale brand in the community.”

Andrew French, authority executive director, said he anticipates ground to be broken within the next three months.

In other business, the authority approved contracts with several contractors to complete road projects in Dunbar, Bullskin, German and Georges townships.

Victor Paving and Construction of Monongahela was the low bidder for a road reconstruction project on Upper Sandy Hollow Road and Falls Avenue in Dunbar

Township, said French.

The project includes 3,500 lineal feet of paving on Upper Sandy Road and 2,650 lineal feet on Falls Avenue.

The township's allotment through the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will fund the \$106,563 project.

Other bidders included A.C. Moyer Inc. of Lemont Furnace and El Grande Industries Inc. of Monessen, submitting bids of \$106,685 and \$117,350, respectively.

Victor Paving was also the low bidder for the 5,200-lineal-foot road reconstruction project planned for Mount Corral and Hoke roads in Bullskin Township, submitting a bid of \$57,058 for the work.

Moyer offered a bid of \$67,878 for the work, and El Grande submitted a bid of \$65,060.

The project will be funded through the township's CDBG allocation.

Georges Township will expend \$122,214 of its CDBG allocation to pave areas of Seghis and Haydentown Hill roads.

A.C. Moyer was the low bidder for the work, submitting a bid of \$122,214.

Other bidders included Victor Paving and El Grande, submitting bids of \$122,784 and \$144,981, respectively.

All roads in the village of Palmer in German Township will be paved this summer, said French, adding that the township had set aside CDBG funding over several years to complete the project.

A.C. Moyer was the lowest bidder, submitting a bid of \$266,525 for the work.

Victor Paving offered a bid of \$280,161 for the project, and El Grande submitted a cost of \$287,410.