

**CITY OF HOMER  
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Clerk/  
Public Works Director

**RESOLUTION 24-085**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO BEACHY CONSTRUCTION OF  
HOMER, ALASKA FOR THE PAINTBRUSH BOOSTER PUMP  
STATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,300 AND  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE  
APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, In accordance with the Procurement Policy, the Invitation to Bid was  
advertised in the Homer News on May 16, 23, 2024; the Anchorage Daily News on May 19, 2024;  
sent to three in-state plans rooms, and posted on the City of Homer website; and

WHEREAS, A Pre-Bid meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 and all registered  
plan holders attended; and

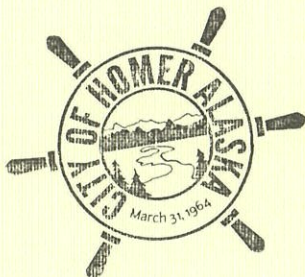
WHEREAS, Two addendums were issued in response to plan holder questions, one bid  
was received and determined to be responsive to the needs of the city; and

WHEREAS, This award is not final until written notification is received by the firm from  
the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, This award is contingent on the adoption of Ordinance 24-33.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby  
awards the contract for the Paintbrush Booster Pump Station Project to the firm of Beachy  
Construction of Homer, Alaska for \$276,300.00 and authorizes the City Manager to execute  
appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR



ATTEST:

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RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: Ordinance 23-23(A-3) \$250,000; Ordinance 24-33 \$73,300



# MEMORANDUM

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**Resolution 24-085, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract to Beachy Construction of Homer, Alaska for the Paintbrush Booster Pump Station Upgrade Project in the Amount of \$276,300 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents.**

**Item Type:** Backup Memorandum  
**Prepared For:** Mayor Castner and City Council  
**Date:** July 31, 2024  
**From:** Leon Galbraith, P.E., City Engineer  
**Through:** Daniel Kort, Public Works Director  
**Through:** Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

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**Background:**

The FY24/25 Capital Budget included \$250,000 to upgrade the Paintbrush Booster Station. A booster station is a pump that “boosts” or increases the water pressure in a water main that is below the desired water service pressure for a residential household.

A couple of years ago the pump in the Paintbrush Booster Station failed, leaving over a dozen homes located on Paintbrush Street without water. The problem identified was a burned out relay switch, which was so old that replacement parts were not available. The staff salvaged parts from other repair projects and found a relay switch that fit and water service was able to be restored. This experience identified to the Public Works Department (PWD) that the Paintbrush Booster Station was in need of a more comprehensive upgrade as soon as possible.

The City contracted with RESPEC, an engineering company with staff in Homer, to help the City design and estimate the costs of a complete upgrade to the Paintbrush Booster Station. RESPEC provided an engineer’s construction cost estimate prior to the project bidding. The engineer’s construction cost estimate was conducted prior to a more comprehensive upgrade to the control system for the Paintbrush Booster Station was added to the project.

The more comprehensive control system upgrade was identified by PWD staff and the City’s vendor who designed and maintains the control system for the water treatment plant and water distribution system. The additional costs for the controls was not factored into the Engineer’s original estimate. The updated control system is necessary and will increase the systems reliability, and reduce the frequency of overtime call outs to respond and restore proper function to the Paintbrush Booster Station.

At the completion of the competitive bidding process, the PWD received one bid of \$276,300 from Beachy Construction of Homer, Alaska.

**Recommendation:**

The PWD has considered the unique nature of this project, the proprietary water control systems and long lead time needed, and the inflationary environment we are still functioning in and recommends City Council approve awarding this project to Beachy Construction of Homer, Alaska in the amount of \$276,300.