

ITEM # 28
DATE: April 22, 2008

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES POWER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT – BOONE COUNTY RD. E-26

BACKGROUND

On December 18, 2008, City Council approved the form of contract and awarded a contract for the Power Line Relocation Project, Boone County Road E-26.

Boone County is widening a four-mile-long section of County Road E-26. Ames Electric Services owns and maintains power poles along the eastern 1/2-mile of this project. These poles are part of the 161-kV tie line between Ames and CIPCO, as well as providing distribution facilities for other utilities. Electric Services was directed by Boone County to relocate our poles to clear for the road project.

The poles owned by the City of Ames were located on private property in an easement obtained by Electric Services. **Boone County has agreed to reimburse Ames for the pole relocation. In addition, Boone County obtained the new easements for Electric Services to replace the former ones.**

On November 7, 2007, bids were received and Electric Services staff in conjunction with the consulting engineer for this project evaluated the bids and determined that the low bid, submitted by Michels Power, Neenah, WI, in the amount of \$154,974.05, was acceptable.

The work included in the contract with Michels Power has now been completed. The certification of completion from the project engineer at P&E Engineering Company is attached. The total contract amount including one change order and applicable sales taxes is \$156,140.17.

Upon acceptance of completion of the project, the City will invoice Boone County for reimbursement of the cost of this relocation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept completion of the contract for the Power Line Relocation Project, Boone County Road E-26 Project by Michels Power, Neenah, WI, in the amount of \$156,140.17.
2. Delay acceptance of completion of this project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The contractor for the Power Line Relocation Project- Boone County Road E-26, has completed the work under the contract. The project engineer has issued a certificate of completion on the work, and the City is legally required to make final payment to the contractor.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving completion of the contract for the Power Line Relocation Project, Boone County Road E-26 Project by Michels Power, Neenah, WI, in the amount of \$156,140.17, and make final payment to the contractor. The City will then invoice Boone County for the cost of this work, per the agreement between the two parties.