

## Mary Sue Hibbs

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2017 12:24 PM  
**To:** Mary Sue Hibbs  
**Cc:** Joel Lamb  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting - Monday, December 11  
**Attachments:** Resolution approving bid #2 EARLHAM.docx; Resolution approving bid #3 EARLHAM.docx; Resolution approving bid #4 EARLHAM .docx; Resolution approving bid #5 EARLHAM.docx; Earlham Recommendation Letter & Bid Tabulation.pdf

We previously requested that you place SICOG on your Council Agenda for Monday, December 11:  
Award Contracts for CDBG Housing Sustainability Program (Owner-occupied Housing Rehab)

As a note of explanation: We bid out these four Earlham homes together with 7 other homes in three different cities on December 4. In the opinion of Mr. Darwin Rohde our technical services provider, the lowest bidder (Benell) has a limited work history and his bids on some projects were so low as to cause concern about his ability to do these jobs at the price bid. Additionally, Benell submitted the low bid on many of those 11 homes causing concerns about his capacity to do that many projects in the time allowed. As the next lowest bidder, B & S Construction, a very experienced contractor, was awarded two bids in Earlham and four bids in other towns – what he felt was his capacity at this time. The other bids went to F & M who is an experienced contractor and to Medical who is doing his first job with us, but has a satisfactory work history. Therefore, Mr. Rohde is recommending that the City go with the contractors noted in his letter of recommendation.

Supporting documents are attached: Letter of Recommendation & Bid Tabulation and Resolutions to be signed by the City for each of the 4 properties. (As a reminder – property #1 dropped out at the last minute and we are working on scheduling a contractor walk through later this month for the replacement property.) Joel Lamb from SICOG will plan to attend the meeting on Monday.

Let me know if you have any questions. THANKS!

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