

Memo

To: City Council
From: Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director
Date: July 3, 2019
Re: Emergency Purchase – Harris Brothers, Inc. – airport septic repair

Approximately June 19, I was made aware of a septic system problem at Beach Airport. Investigation by DPW staff discovered a significant break in the sewage line that runs between the public bathrooms in the terminal building and the septic tank outside.

The break was bad enough to warrant replacement of the line and the immediate disuse of the bathrooms. Unfortunately, this line runs directly under the cement floor of the terminal lobby, which you may remember was recently and completely remodeled. Replacing the line where it is would undo much of that work.

DPW Foreman Tom Archer conceived of an alternative plan that would reroute new lines outside the building at an earlier point (before they enter the lobby area), and alongside the building to the septic tank.

Excavating the area outside the terminal building is a complicated task, due to the large number of electric and other utility lines underground in that vicinity. It requires a good bit of hand-digging, as well as careful use of power equipment.

Together with Mr. Archer, I determined that a combination of direct city labor, along with help from a good local contractor would be the best approach to getting this work done in a timely manner without disturbing any of the delicate underground connections.

Because this is a public facility that requires bathroom facilities to remain open, I authorized this work as an emergency. The proposal attached is from Harris Brothers in the amount of \$5,791.00. I anticipate the total expense for this work will be approximately \$10,000.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.