



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: August 11, 2025

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Agenda Item: Bid Award – Candlewood Bridge Repair Project

Explanation: Staff solicited bids for the repair of the Candlewood Bridge

The existing bridge is a historic arch bridge. The bridge has been showing significant deterioration and then had a wingwall collapse into the creek below. During a bridge inspection, our bridge inspector recommended a closure and IDOT supported that decision. CMT performed the design of the repairs which have been reviewed and accepted by IDOT.

A bid opening took place on July 24, 2025 at 10 AM at City Hall with one bid submitted.

Company	Bid Amount
Otto Baum	\$ 597,965.00

Engineers Estimate	\$356,188.25
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Since the August 4th meeting, staff has been able to communicate with IDOT to discuss the project. IDOT informed us that our two alternatives are to re-bid or to pass a new resolution to authorize the bid total to be spent from MFT. We had passed a resolution similar for the engineer's estimate a few months ago.

Communications were had with a few different bridge contractors who shared that changing the pavement to concrete might allow them to bid but they wouldn't guarantee that they would.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 25-26 budget includes \$500,000 in MFT Funds for this project. There are sufficient funds in the MFT Fund to cover the overage.

Recommendation Summary: With the uncertainty that adjusting the plans to concrete pavement would even garner a new bidder, staff recommends discussion on the placement of a new funding authorization resolution on the next city council meeting agenda to allow the awarding of the project to Otto Baum.

Action Requested: Consensus from council to place a new resolution on the next council meeting agenda for approval.