

November 5, 2020

Mr. Don Adams, County Manager  
Jackson County Administration Building  
401 Grindstaff Cove Road  
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

Via Email

Re: **Jackson County Public Schools Proposed Improvements  
For Blue Ridge School Water and Wastewater Systems  
CDBG-I Project No.: 09-D-2945  
Jackson County – Owner**

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing to provide our recommendation on awarding the construction contract for the *Jackson County Public Schools Proposed Improvements for Blue Ridge School Water and Wastewater Systems*, based on bids received today, Thursday, November 5, 2020. Copies of the certified bid tabulation, scans of the three bids received and a scan of the bid opening sign in sheet are attached.

The low base bid was submitted by Stillwell Enterprises, Inc. of Sylva, North Carolina in the amount of \$1,280,000.00. We have worked with Stillwell Enterprises on a number of projects over several decades and have always found them to be a reputable contractor. Stillwell Enterprises, Inc. is listed with the NC Contractors Licensing Board as holding a current Unlimited/Unclassified contractor's license.

We recommend award of this construction contract to Stillwell Enterprises, Inc. provided: 1) funding is available to proceed and; 2) the NC Division of Water Infrastructure finds the CDBG documentation submitted with the Stillwell Enterprises bid to be acceptable and; 3) the award of the contract meets with recommendations of the Owner's attorney. Please notify us if Jackson County selects to proceed with the award of this contract and we will provide copies of the Notice of Award for signature followed by the preparation of three (3) original copies of contract documents for execution by the Contractor and Owner. Feel free call me, if you need anything further at this stage or wish to discuss this project.

Sincerely,  
Lofquist & Associates, Inc.



Victor Lofquist, P.E.

