

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE GUEMES ISLAND
ELECTRIC FERRY PROJECT, #ESMVGUE-1**

WHEREAS, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners (Board) deemed it to be advisable and in the best interest of the County to bid for the Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project, #ESMVGUE-1 ("project"), and Resolution No. R20230180 was executed on September 12, 2023, approving the Plans and Specifications and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to issue a call for Bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, the Notice of Call for Bids was for the project was published in the Skagit Valley Herald on September 14, 28, and October 12, 2023, and was also published in the Daily Journal of Commerce September 18, 28, and October 12, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, an addendum was issued to reschedule the original bid opening date from December 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. to December 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, a public bid opening was held on December 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. and, as a result, two (2) bids were received as follows:

JT Marine Inc.	\$24,385,471.72
Ice Floe, LLC dba Nichols Brothers Boat Builders	\$22,898,450.53

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, Public Works Department staff determined that the two (2) bids received both exceeded the Engineer's estimate range for the project in the amount of \$19,500,000 - \$22,200,000; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing exceedances, the Department of Public Works, in the best interest of the public, and in the interest of the prudent use of public funds, recommends to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners that both of the two (2) bids received shall be rejected accordingly.

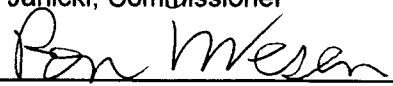
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all (both) bids received on December 18, 2023, for the Guemes Island Electric Ferry Project (#ESMVGUE-1) be rejected.

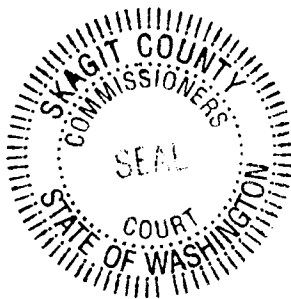
PASSED this 22 day of January, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

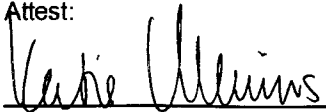

Peter Browning, Chair


Lisa Janicki, Commissioner


Ron Wesen, Commissioner



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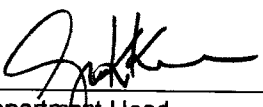

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:


Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Approved as to content:


Department Head