CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-102 – authorizing an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) for design and bidding services for the Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB) replacement project for Gates 1 and 2 at the Joplin Regional Airport and containing an emergency clause.

MEETING DATE
January 21, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works - Airport

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-102; Consulting Agreement

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works, Dan Johnson; Director of Finance, Leslie Haase; City Attorney, Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager, Tony Robyn; City Manager, Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. (CMT) in the not to exceed amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and 88/100 Dollars ($97,810.88) for design and bidding services for the Passenger Boarding Bridge (PBB) replacement project for Gates 1 and 2 at the Joplin Regional Airport.

BACKGROUND
The Airport uses a 5-year Consulting Agreement that has 2 years left with CMT. As part of this agreement, they are to submit the costs for and perform any designing & bidding of projects that arise during that time.

Total costs for designing & bidding services for the replacement of the existing passenger boarding bridges amount to $97,810.88. This cost will be covered 95/5 federal to local share with a Federal Grant under the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), which results in the federal share of $92,920.34 and a local share of $4,890.54.

The existing Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs) were relocated from the Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF) and installed at JLN in 2009. The PBBs are over 30 years of age and have far exceeded their useful life. They are unreliable, require high maintenance and repair costs, and have outdated and inefficient features. The replacement PBBs will be state-of-the-art bridges that meet accessibility standards, improve operational efficiency, are more environmentally friendly by providing preconditioned air (PCA) and will provide new, more efficient and reliable ground power units (GPUs).

Replacing the PBBs at JLN will allow the airport the ability to continue to avoid ground loading of aircraft, which is more time consuming, less accessible for people with disabilities, and

exposes passengers to weather elements.

In July 2024, the FAA issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) for airports to submit applications for the FY 2025 Airport Terminal Program (ATP). This funding is part of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which provides $1 billion annually to support the ATP. The funds are allocated on a competitive basis, with no less than 10% of the total funding designated for Nonhub and nonprimary airports.

In November 2024, JLN was notified by the FAA that JLN had been selected for a federal grant of up to $1,660,000 to design, bid, and replace one of the existing PBBs under the ATP program.

In addition to the ATP funding, JLN is also eligible for up to $1.3 million in FY 2025 in Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) (AIG is a separate component of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.) JLN proposes to utilize approximately $1,000,000 of this funding to replace the second PBB not included in the FAA ATP grant award.

In order to receive the FY25 ATP funding the city is required to design and receive bids for this project no later than June of 2025. The schedule proposed in the design agreement will allow the City to meet this requirement and avoid missing out on this funding opportunity.

FUNDING SOURCE

FAA BIL ATP Grant no. 3-29-0037-030 (Gate 1 PBB), AIP Grant No. 3-29-0037-061 (Gate 2 PBB), Airport Fund and containing a Budget Amendment

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance related to public improvement, within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, this Council Bill needs to be approved on an emergency basis to allow execution of the agreement within the FAA funding time limitations.