City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: April 6, 2015
Council Bill No. 2015-125

Item: Construction Contract for the Murphy & Minnesota Intersection Project.

Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Bid Tabulation
2) Council Bill No. 2015-125

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of Construction Contract with Southard Construction in the amount of Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two and 80/100 Dollars ($31,752.80) for the Murphy & Minnesota Intersection project.

Background: The railroad crossing on Murphy Boulevard is a very old crossing and was in need of an upgrade. Representatives from MoDOT, the City, and Missouri Northern Arkansas Railroad assessed the crossing and it was determined that the crossing needed to be upgraded for public safety. The crossing has only cross bars and needs to be upgraded to an active crossing. In order to deter traffic from turning into the crossing arms while down it will be necessary for the city to widen and install a painted median on Minnesota Ave. MoDOT will pay $20,000 for the upgrade of Minnesota and the remainder will be pay from the city's Transportation Sales Tax fund.

Discussion: In accordance with the City of Joplin's Procurement policies the project was advertised in the Joplin Globe Newspaper and on the city's website. Bids were opened on March 19, 2015 with 4 firms bidding and Southard Construction provided the lowest bid. The low bid was within the Engineer's estimate.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a Construction Contract Southard Construction in the amount of Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two and 80/100 Dollars ($31,752.80) for the Murphy & Minnesota Intersection project.