Faison Town Board Lets Water Bids

\$377,400 water improvement project were let during the Tuesday night meeting of the

A \$28,000 contract was awarded to Carolina Well & Pump Co. of Sanford for the installation of a new well. The second contract for \$174,600 was let to Brown Steel Co. of Newman, Ga. for the construction of a 300,000gallon elevated storage tank. A third contract for \$91,680 was awarded to T.A. Loving of Goldsboro for improvement to the filter plant, a new wellhouse, and the elefinal contract of \$31,532 was let to Cumberland Paving of Fayetteville for distribution

The project is being financed by \$230,000 in general obligation bonds, a \$39,800 Farmers Home Administration grant, a \$90,500 clean water grant, and \$14,100 from the town of Faison. An additional \$3,000 will come from the interest of the bonds and clean water grant which the town plans to put into short-term investments until the funds are needed to finance the project

as it is completed.

Bids for sections two through four of the water improvement project were rebid in March after the Faison commissioners found the February bids too expensive. However, the bid on section one, or the installation of a new well, was held over until the April meeting and approved with bids on the remaining sections of the

The bid on section four, the distribution system, included 4,000 feet of six-inch line, and the project engineer, Finley Boney of

Raleigh, said that the could not do the job for less. \$10,513 of contingency funds

Other costs in the water \$10,513 of contingency funds could be used to increase the distribution system by 2,000 feet. According to Boney. Cumberland Paving submitted a bid of \$5.10 per foot to install six-inch waterlines. He added that the town

improvement project include \$23,925 for engineering and inspection fees, \$15,150 for interest during construction, \$2,000 for legal and administrative fees, and \$10,513 of contingency funds. The total

cost of the project is \$377,400 also instructed Town Adprepare \$265,000 of general which is \$7,600 less than the project cost of \$385,000 when the bond referendum was passed last August.

The board moved to award

the contracts to the lowest bidders after final approval from the FmHA. The board

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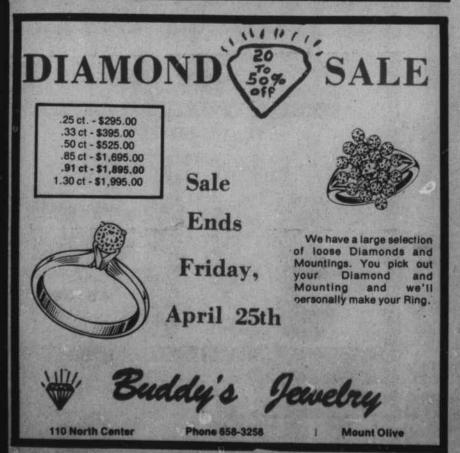
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