BMHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES MEASURES TO REPLACE ELEVATORS AT THE LBJ APARTMENT COMPLEX

Buffalo, NY – The Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners today voted unanimously to approve two contracts, totaling $730,900, to replace the elevators in the 10-story LBJ Apartments.

DCB Elevator Co., of Lewiston, was selected as the general contractor for the project. DCB was awarded a $575,900 contract for the work, beating out two other bidders.

The BMHA Board also approved a $155,000 contract with Goodwin Electrical, of Williamsville. Goodwin was the sole bidder for the electrical portion of the elevator replacement project.

The new elevators will replace the original elevators which date back to construction of the residential tower in the 1970s. The more than 40-year-old elevators have experienced breakdowns in recent years, with their age making it increasingly difficult, and costly, to procure replacement parts.

“The contracts approved today for the replacement of the LBJ elevators are an example of our continuing commitment to improving the quality of life for our residents. The LBJ residents have been extremely patient and cooperative, despite some very challenging times, and I know they will be pleased with the result. We intend to keep working to make LBJ a place the residents can be proud of,” BMHA Executive Director Gillian Brown said.

Work on total replacement of the aged elevators with brand new passenger cabs and lift mechanisms is anticipated to be completed in March 2020.

The Board also approved measures to improve the Authority’s snow fighting abilities. The BMHA will purchase four John Deere tractors with snow blowing and salting attachments, from
LandPro Equipment LLC, and two Kubota plows and accessories from Admar Supply Co., at a combined price not to exceed $145,000.

The Board also approved snow removal contracts with two outside contractors to handle plowing at 12 BMHA developments, at a cost not to exceed $208,600. Elber’s Landscaping and Brothers-in-Lawn were awarded contracts for $116,000 and $92,400, respectively.

In other business, the Board approved an additional $391,134 for the ongoing parking lot paving and repair work at Langfield Homes. The now $1 million paving project, which includes 10 parking lots, totaling over 200,000-square-feet will be completed this fall.

Commissioners also okayed a $75,000 update to the Authority’s Kronos employee timekeeping software suite. The new, cloud-based Kronos 8.1 software will replace the BMHA’s Workforce Central 6 software for which updates and technical support will not be available after December 2019.

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