Clean Up Contracts Considered

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The Kodiak Island Borough Assembly is meeting tonight. The members will have before them a pair of contracts to award - one for removal of hazardous household waste in conjunction with the Kodiak Clean-Up Day on May 2nd.

Two companies bid on the annual clean-up: Clean Harbors Environmental Services and PSC Environmental Services. PSC's bid was over 1-thousand dollars lower, at 34-thousand-105 dollars, but Borough Manager Rick Gifford is recommending Clean Harbors be awarded the contract at 35-thousand-339 dollars. In his note to the assembly, Gifford says Clean Harbors identified a better on-site work plan, among other variables. He also cited a request from PSC allowing them to terminate the four-year contract with 90-days notice, which he said would place a large burden on the borough if it needed to scramble to find a new contractor just before the annual clean up.

The other contract is to buy a new dump truck for the landfill. Two bids were received for supplying a new International with 10 foam-filled tires. Cascadia International's bid was just over 120-thousand dollars, while Husky International's was just under 109-thousand. Gifford is recommending Husky be awarded the contract. Currently, the landfill operates two Internationals, one a 2007 model, and a 1994 model that Gifford says is past the end of its useful life, but still in saleable condition.

The assembly will also be presenting its "Findings of Fact" affirming its support of the Planning and Zoning Commission's decision approving an abbreviated plat to re-subdivide two lots into three. They made the decision some weeks ago.

The assembly will also have a resolution before it in support of keeping the requirement that two tugs escort oil tankers through Prince William Sound. That requirement will sunset after the entire fleet goes to double hulls. The 20th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, the largest in U.S. history, is on Tuesday.

The Assembly meets at 7:30 tonight. You can hear it live here on KMXT.

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