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## Sherman approves pact for electric work

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**SHERMAN** – At its regular meeting this month, the Sherman Village Board awarded a contract for electrical work for the wastewater treatment improvement project.

Trustees awarded the contract to BECC electric which was the lowest of three bids at \$983,765. The village had put the job out to bid for a second time after the first set of bids came in too high for the project budget.

Sherman Mayor Colleen Meeder explained that the bids were still higher than the village had hoped. As a result the board also passed a motion to amend the bond resolution for the project to \$7 million.

The village has been approved for a project budget of \$6.2 million, Meeder said. However, the project already has commitments of nearly that amount. To avoid going over budget, board members also amended the Sewer Engineering Agreement to temporarily reduce the

commitment by \$175,000 worth of project tasks.

"In order for us to commit to the electrical contract, we have to de-commit to something. We have to stay inside of the \$6.2 million," Meeder said. She noted that after the bond is established, the village can recommit to the original tasks.

Also in the meeting, Jay Irwin, wastewater plant chief operator, said the water improvement project is "moving along." He said that the village is 90% completed with work on the services and water mains. Work on the water treatment building is 50% complete, he said. However, any well work will be held off until spring, he said.

Irwin also told board members that the work alongside of the driveway to the water treatment plant is a detention system that will allow the chlorine in the water to be filtered and equally distributed before it goes to the first customer.

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The system incorporates 600 feet of a 16" pipe in which water circulates before it goes out to residents, Irwin said.

"The 16-inch diameter pipe allows the chlorine that is injected at the water treatment building to go back and forth and back and forth," Irwin said. "this

is so it doesn't give the first customer a high level of chlorination."

Meeder explained the need for the detention system further.

"I believe it's about a half-hour before it goes out. The water circulates and equalizes the chlorine," she said.