



City of Bristol, Virginia

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January 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 0550 hours, dispatch received a 911 call about a fire on Oak Street at the old school board building. The building had been vacant since 2012. The building was fully engulfed when the fire department arrived on scene. Firefighters began fighting the fire and had the fire under control by 0800 hours. During the fire, the roof of the building collapsed and left only the walls standing. At this time, the building was not safe enough to allow firefighters to search for victims or safe enough to be standing near the building due to the instability in the walls.

At approximately 0900 hours, the building official reached out to Taff & Frye (at the direction of the City Manager), a local demolition company to bring equipment to the site in order to tear down the standing walls. Tearing down the walls was necessary due to the risk of injury or death to firefighters and other personnel on-site. The demolition of the walls would allow firefighters to safely search for victims and the cause of the fire. Taff & Frye completed the demolition of the walls at approximately 1700 hours. Taff & Frye will also be responsible for the clean-up of the site.

The City Manager authorized Taff & Frye to begin work due to the instability of the walls and the necessity to search for victims of the fire. Taff & Frye was selected for the job due to the fact the company is located in Bristol and could have equipment on site within an hour.

The contract was awarded on an emergency basis for the demolition and removal of debris created by the fire at the old school board building on Oak Street, Bristol, Virginia on January 23, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randall C. Eads".

Randall C. Eads
City Manager
City Attorney

TAFF & FRYE CO., INC

DEMOLITION ~ CONSTRUCTION

Business Office
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January 29, 2024
Mike Johnston
Building Official
City of Bristol VA
200 Lee St.
Bristol VA

Re: Oak St Fire Demolition.

Please accept a quote from Taff & Frye in the amount of \$38,400.00 for the following work:

1. Provide machinery and operators to demolish remaining standing walls and assist firefighters in sorting through fire damaged building materials.
2. Demolish and remove remaining building debris, reuse brick for part of backfill of basement.
3. Provide 700cuyds of backfill material for basement to existing grade level.

Thank you for your interest in our services; please call me@423-534-9666 if you have any questions.

John D. Taff IV

Accepted:
Randee C.E.O.
Per Va. Code 2.2-4303(F)

Demolition ~ Asbestos ~ Lead paint ~ Mold ~ Abatement