

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	James H. Gailey
DATE:	August 14, 2023
SUBJECT:	Dasher Board System at Cross Insurance Arena

Requested Action:

Award of Bid to Athletica Sports Systems for the replacement of the Cross Insurance Arena dasher board system.

Background & Purpose of Request:

What is a dasher board system? It is the boards and glass of a hockey rink. The Arena's infrastructure dates back to 2002 and is at the end of its useful life. Over the years these boards have been damaged by having a variety of shows in the arena. They are also not up to current day standards for professional hockey.

As part of this project, staff proposes to flip the player benches and penalty boxes. When the Arena was built some 40+ years ago, the hockey benches where designed on the wrong side of the rink. Today's standards are to have the home and visitor benches in close proximity of the locker rooms and medical facilities so that these areas are on the backside of each bench for quick access. Today, trainers, equipment staff and coaches need to walk across the ice to get to the team bench. Not a safe option for all levels of hockey that are played in the arena.

The proposal will replace all the dasher board and glass, creating lighter, safer and better for maintenance solution than what we have today. This system will be safer for the players and also operations personnel who flip the building for a variety of events annually.

The County received two bids. Staff are bringing forth the higher of the two bids. GM Michael LoConte has broken down the project and reason for bid selection in his memo attached.

Funding Amount and Source: Prior year Capital \$415,410.00

Attachments:

GM Michael LoConte's staff memo.

Bid document

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