

**ORDER: REJECT ALL BIDS TO UPGRADE THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE HAVEN
HOUSE**

Motion was made by Scott Allen, duly seconded by John Morgan, to reject all bids to upgrade the HVAC system at the Haven House.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes
Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes
Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes
Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 21st day of January, 2025.



**Brent Larson, President
Board of Supervisors**



Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

**HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
COMMUNICARE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY UNIT "HAVEN HOUSE"
152 MS-7 SOUTH
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI**

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT	ADDENDUM #1	ADDENDUM #2
1. SM Lawrence 1820 Skylark Drive Corinth, MS 38834	\$ 1,834,000.00	✓	✓
2. Tri-Star Companies, Inc. P.O. Drawer 1549 Batesville, MS 38606	\$ 1,639,000.00	✓	✓
3. Upchurch Services, LLC 1792 Dancy Blvd. West Horn Lake, MS 38637	\$ 1,615,000.00	✓	✓

Reject all bids for HVAC upgrades at the Haven House.

The Haven House, which is twenty-five years old, has a water source HVAC system. Dependent upon whether we are trying to cool or heat the building, chilled water from the chiller or hot water from the boiler is piped through coils in numerous air handlers located throughout the building where air is blown over the coil to produce the desired temperature. Because of its age, we are constantly working on the chiller and multiple air handlers need to be replaced. In order to work on or replace most of the air handlers, plumbing pipes, electrical lines and fire suppression lines often have to be removed. This obviously inflates the cost of service work.

Because of the age of all this equipment and the difficulty of working on the air handlers, we asked you to consider replacing the entire system with a VRF (variable refrigerant flow) system. Gary Tanksley, our engineer, estimated the cost of the new system to be between \$800,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00. Gary completed the engineering, created bid documents, and we advertised the project. We only received three bids which were opened last Thursday. The bids were as follows:

SM Lawrence	\$1,834,000.00
Tri-Star	\$1,639,000.00
Upchurch Services	\$1,615,000.00

In every project Gary has performed engineering for Lafayette County, the bids have always been less than his estimate. The LCDC chiller replacement and Chancery Building HVAC upgrades are the latest examples. He is not sure why they were so much higher this time. He is working to determine if there are ways to redesign the project and readvertise in hopes of hitting our projected costs. For now, however, we ask that you reject all bids.