



El Paso County's Sports Park Renovations put on hold, again ?

. . . . County Waits to see if work can be done for less "in house" !

By Joshua Zuber

EL PASO, Texas — El Paso County commissioners have postponed awarding a contract to renovate the county's sports park for yet another week.

Commissioners are on the fence about putting up fences.

The sports park is set to receive \$7 million in improvements from bond money.

The problem brought before the court Monday is about putting up new fences for the dugouts and are called an "**alternative**," or part of a wish list.

The county has nine of these alternatives plus the base bid to improve the complex.

The county's public works director believes one company, Sunlight, is heavily underestimating how much it will cost to put up fences.

Sunlight says it will be about **\$135,000**, making them the lowest bidder overall.

But the county believes it will cost about **\$300,000** for the county to put up fences "in house."

FT James, the company that almost won the award because their base bid was the lowest, said it will be about \$777,000. KFOX 14 spoke with Frank James, the president of FT James.

"He says this whole new process for being awarded contracts with the county is questionable. If the county sets up this procurement, people who ever they were to sit there, and give them their opinion and then the county seems to not want to do that, I'm not sure that's sending a good message to the community," James said.

The lawyer representing Sunlight, Ray Velarde, declined an on camera interview with KFOX 14 Monday, saying the issue is still pending.



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