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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2026  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** David Garcia, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution awarding the contract for 2026 Vegetation Removal to The Davey Tree Expert Company for a total amount of \$221,357.40, County Project Number 715005, directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Road Engineering and Other Sources & Uses Budgets, directing the Auditor-Controller to release up to \$220,000 in Board Priority Assignment in the General Fund and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to encumber the contract (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) (Districts I, III and V)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** 2026 Vegetation Removal will be funded by the Board Priority Assignment in the General Fund that was approved on March 25, 2025, in the Board Priority Objective Charters and Resource Allocation Discussion. The project was not included in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Road Engineering budget, and a \$220,000 budget amendment is necessary for a transfer from the Board Priority Assignment in the General Fund to Public Works Road Engineering and Maintenance to cover contract costs. The proposed contract amount exceeds the \$220,000 allocation and requested budget amendment due to the inclusion of a 10% contingency. The final budget amendment transfer amount will be determined by actual costs at project completion. If final actual costs exceed \$220,000, the remaining amount will be absorbed by the Roads Engineering Budget.

**BACKGROUND:** On January 13, 2026, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 26-011 authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for 2026 Vegetation Removal. Bids were opened on February 23, 2026. Staff found that the bid packages for the three lowest bidders contained discrepancies, and all the bids were rejected.

The project was rebid and reopened on March 23, 2026. The following four bids were received:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
1. McKellar Tree Services & Logging, Inc.	\$169,999.96
2. The Davey Tree Expert Co.	\$201,234.00
3. P31 Enterprises, Inc.	\$220,897.45
4. 2C General Engineering	\$223,819.38*
<b>Engineer's Estimate</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>

\*There was a minor mathematical discrepancy in this bid.

The low bidder, McKellar Tree Services & Logging Inc., was disqualified due to bid errors. Therefore, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to the second low bidder, The Davey Tree Expert Company at the bid price of \$201,234.00, plus a 10% contingency of \$20,123.40 for a total of \$221,357.40. Work is expected to begin in Spring 2026.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution awarding the contract for 2026 Vegetation Removal to The Davey Tree Expert Company for a total amount of \$221,357.40, County Project Number 715005, amending the Road Engineering and Board Priority Budget for \$220,000 and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to encumber the contract (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) (Districts I, III and V)
2. Bid Summary
3. The Davey Tree Expert Company Bid
4. 2026 Vegetation Removal Contract

**Item Initiated by:** Richard Poole, Assistant Engineer  
**Approved by:** David Garcia, Director of Public Works