

## First Projects—

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# Bids Received For Watershed

Bids were received this morning for the first projects in the \$1-million federal program to create the Big Wyacondah Watershed.

On the basis of unofficial bidding figures—which remained to be checked as of 11:30 today—Bob McConnell and Henry Burgher, both of Bloomfield, had entered the low total bid of \$16,841.66.

However, another land improvement contractor, J. C. Whisler of Centerville, submitted a bid that was only \$341.15 above the McConnell-Burgher bid.

The contract is expected to be let within the next ten days.

Six contractors entered bids, with totals ranging from a high of \$28,042.76 to the low of \$16,841.66.

Bids covered four watershed protection and flood prevention structures, as well as some waterway improvement.

Work will be done about 5½ miles southwest of Bloomfield and the structure work would touch five farms, a moon-shaped area crossing property of the late Walter Dixon, Dale Dixon, Aura Barnett, Frank Shively and Z. W. Hubbartt.

The bidders were Ludwig Beach of Ft. Madison, F. H. Boyd of Milton, McConnell and Burgher of Bloomfield, Bob Westfall of Ft. Madison, F. A. and S. (R. W. Farrell) of Tingley, and J. C. Whisler of Centerville.

The unofficial bid figures are:

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| Beach      | \$28,042.76 |
| Boyd       | \$21,425.32 |
| McConnell  | \$16,841.66 |
| Westfall   | \$19,705.82 |
| F. A. & S. | \$20,833.97 |
| Whisler    | \$16,872.81 |

Clay Barnett, chairman of the Davis County Soil Conservation District commissioners, opened and read the bids.