

Board of Education: Crete-Monee School District 201-U

Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 10, 2026

Award and approve the bid results for Landscaping and Lawn Care Maintenance for the district.

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The Issue:

The existing landscaping and lawn care contract expired this year, fall of 2025. The district is in need of securing landscaping and lawn care services for all properties owned and operated by Crete-Monee School District 201U. The bid specifies a two year contract through the 2027 landscaping and lawn care season. An alternate or supplemental bid for the 2028 landscaping and lawn care season can be included.

Justification:

The scope of the new is similar to the previous contract excluding the areas that now house turf fields. In addition, the district is seeking a credit for areas that are currently under construction at CMMS and areas of unestablished growth near the CMHS sportsplex. The scope includes the following:

- Cutting of all grass areas
- Trimming of all grass areas that are bordered by sidewalks
- Weeding of plant beds on a regular basis
- Fertilization according to the standards established by the Illinois School Code
- Core Aeration
- Installation of mulch on all landscaping beds prior to the school year and prior to graduation.
- Mowing of grass on athletic fields

Board Policy and Past Practices

It is the board policy to purchase/contract in accordance with the state bid law.

Strategic Plan:

Goal 5: Provide our students with equitable, safe, and well maintained facilities.

Goal #6, Prioritize our financial resources to meet our short and long term goals.

Community Impact:

Maintained and safe buildings/grounds for our stakeholders. There was a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting held on March 3rd.

Supporting Data:

This Bid was advertised in the Sun-Times newspaper and placed on the District Website.

- Exempt Sections Map
- Bid Tally Sheet

Financial Impact:

The lowest bid is \$5,125 lower than the contract amount that has expired. This service will be paid on a monthly basis from the Operations and Maintenance fund.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends awarding the contract to Shelton Companies Inc. in the amount of \$118,125 per year for 2026 & 2027.