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On Feb. 13, 2017 the Harper Corporation and Garney Construction Company, Inc. were provided with the Notice to Proceed on the Boone Water Line, Water Treatment Plant, Intake and Booster Pump Station Project. The Garney Construction Company, Inc. has completed their portion of the contract. The following is a project update summarizing recent and future work involving the Harper Corporation.

The Harper Corporation continues to complete items at the Water Treatment Plant, the Water Intake Site and at the Brownwood Road Booster Pump Station. The project has received a certificate of compliance for the new mechanical, electrical and plumbing components at the Water Treatment Plant. The new leak detection system has been completed, and the Fire Marshal inspection has been approved. At the intake on the New River, the new electrical power supply has been completed, all water pumps tested and air compressor systems have gone through an initial start-up. At the Booster Pump Station, the asphalt striping has been completed and the live stakes have been installed along the creek bank. Crews will now focus on the remaining punch list items as the project moves toward substantial completion.

The project currently has an approved contract time of 632 days, which includes Town Council approved Change Orders # 1 - #5. The contracted completion date was to be Nov. 7, 2018 and the project is currently 69 days beyond the completion date. Pay request No. 23, which covers work through 12/31/2018, includes a deduction of \$81,000 (54 days x \$1,500 per day) for liquidated damages. Harper Corporation and Town of Boone Public Works Staff conducted an initial on-site review of the entire project in early January to identify any items that needed to be addressed as the project items are completed and substantial completion is met per the contract documents.