



Gaston County

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Parks & Recreation

Board Action

File #: 23-094

Commissioner Cloninger - Parks and Recreation - To Award the Region C Lawn Maintenance Contract to Grass Hopper Lawn Service, Dallas, NC (\$134,420)

STAFF CONTACT

Cathy Hart - Parks and Recreation - 704-922-2162

BUDGET IMPACT

A portion of the \$134,420 costs are included in the FY'23 Parks and Recreation and Grounds Maintenance budgets. Additional funding is included in various County departmental lawn maintenance budgets.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

A portion of the funds are included in the FY'23 Budget for lawn maintenance services from March 1 - June 30, 2023. Additional funds for lawn maintenance services will be requested in the FY'24 Budget.

BACKGROUND

Gaston County Parks and Recreation recently advertised for contractors to submit proposals for Region C lawn maintenance. Region C includes six parks and eight grounds sites primarily located in eastern Gaston County. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on January 26, 2023 with eight contractors attending. The contractors included Bean Brothers Landscaping, Calhoun's Lawn Maintenance, Mullis Lawn & Landscaping, Home Turf Lawn and Landscaping, CCK Lawncare & Landscaping, Grass Hopper Lawn Service, Two Rivers Outdoor Services, and Wise Lawnmower Company. At the meeting, the Request for Proposals was discussed in detail including proposal evaluation criteria and information to be included with proposals. Sealed proposals were received and opened on February 16, 2023. The following companies submitted proposals: Bean Brothers Landscaping, CCK Lawncare and Landscaping, Grass Hopper Lawn Service, and Home Turf Lawn and Landscaping. County staff evaluated and scored all proposals based on evaluation criteria and information included in proposals. Based on the evaluation, County staff recommends awarding the Region C contract to Grass Hopper Lawn Service.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Region C Lawn Maintenance Contract

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2023-107	03/28/2023	BH	TK	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SERVICE AGREEMENT – REGION C

GASTON COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT, made on the last date set out below, by and between Gaston County, North Carolina, a corporate and political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (County), and the Vendor, Grass Hopper Lawn Service, 810 Robinson Clemmer Road, Dallas NC 28034.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has awarded the bid for lawn maintenance for parks and grounds as described in the County's bid specifications, which are incorporated herein by reference. The bid is awarded pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises expressed herein, the parties agree as follows:

Item 1. Vendors Obligations:

- (a) That the Vendor will supply the lawn and grounds maintenance set out in the specifications to the County in accordance with the Bid Proposal, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) That the Vendor will furnish said services in accordance with, and described in, the Gaston County Grounds and Park Maintenance Proposal Specifications Region C 2023 which is incorporated by reference. The Contractor will furnish said services at the price specified in its bid proposal.

Item 2. Term:

- (a) It is hereby agreed that this Agreement shall begin April 3, 2023, and continue in force until December 31, 2023.

Item 3. Performance:

- (a) In the event that the Vendor is unable to perform the agreements and terms of this contract, the County may, at its election, terminate the contract.
- (b) The Agreement shall be performed by the Vendor, in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the County, who shall be the sole judge of quality and performance.

Item 4. Non-Appropriation of Funds:

- (a) Gaston County intends to remit all payments for the full term, if funds are legally available. In the event funds are not appropriated for the agreement for the current fiscal year, this Agreement is terminated without penalty of recourse.

Item 5. Insurance:

- (a) The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the County, its agents and employees and assign from and against all loss, cost, damages, expenses, and liability caused by an accident or other occurrence resulting in bodily injury, including death, sickness, and disease to any person; or damage or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly or indirectly from operations, products, or services rendered under this contract.
- (b) During the life of the contract, the Contractor shall purchase the following insurance with insurance company acceptable to the County and is authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina.
 - Bodily injury for which contractor is responsible.
\$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - Property damage for which contractor is responsible.
\$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - Automobile – Bodily injury and property damage liability covering all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles for limits of not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each occurrence bodily injury liability, and \$1,000,000 each occurrence property damage.
 - Workers Compensation coverage at NC Statutory limits shall be carried on every employee, including the owner.

Item 6. Documentation:

- (a) The County agrees to execute the necessary documentation in order to issue payment to the Vendor, according to the price stated on the Vendor's bid proposal, within thirty (30) days of submission of invoice by the Vendor.

Item 7. Entire Agreement:

- (a) This Agreement, along with the Gaston County Grounds and Park Maintenance Proposal Specifications Region C 2023, contains the entire

Agreement between the parties, and no other statement, promises, or inducements made by either party or agent of either party that is not contained in this written Agreement shall be valid or binding; and this Agreement may not be enlarged, modified, or altered except in writing signed by the parties and endorsed hereon. Should there be a conflict between this Agreement, the Specifications, and the Bid Proposal, this Agreement shall control.

Item 8. Notice: All necessary notices, demands, and requests required or permitted to be given under the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed duly given if mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

(a) if to Gaston County:

PO Box 1578
Gastonia, North Carolina 28053-1578

(b) if to the Vendor:

801 Robinson Clemmer Road
Dallas, NC 28034

Item 9. Governing Law: This instrument is governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Item 10. Payment: County shall pay vendor in accordance with the attached Exhibits "A", which are incorporated herein. The payments shall be based per cut. The total amount paid Vendor under this agreement for Region "C" shall equal the total number of cuts times the specified amount for each cut. Gaston County will dictate how many cuts will be made during the course of the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed duplicate original, as of the date first above written.

“Exhibit A”

**GASTON COUNTY
LAWN MAINTENANCE
REGION “C”**

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Per Cut</u>
Gaston County Park at New Hope School	\$ 230.00
New Hope Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 90.00
Lowell Library	\$ 70.00
South Point Emergency Transport Station	\$ 60.00
Gaston County Park at North Belmont	\$ 780.00
Gaston County Park at Catawba Heights Elementary School	\$ 180.00
Adult Day Care/GEMS	\$ 70.00
Gaston County Park at Pinewood Elementary School	\$ 190.00
Riverbend Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 90.00
Mt. Holly Library	\$ 90.00
Gaston County Park at East Gaston High School	\$ 450.00
Stanley Library	\$ 70.00
Belmont Library	\$ 75.00
George Poston Park	\$ 2,475.00
Poston Trails	\$ 250.00
Total Cuts one per site	\$ 5,170.00
Times 26 cuts per Calendar Year	\$ 134,420.00