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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 24-546

Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or His Designee, to Execute a Professional Services Contract with S&ME, Inc. for the George Poston Park Dam Emergency Spillway Wingwall Repair

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BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact. Funds for this project were approved in the FY25 budget.

BACKGROUND

George Poston Park is a Gaston County owned and maintained park containing walking, mountain, and biking trails, athletic fields, a fishing pier, playgrounds, a pump track and picnic shelters. The addition of the lake was completed in 2010 which includes a dam and emergency spillway. Over the last 14 years, settlement has occurred within the emergency spillway resulting in settling, shifting, and rotating of the concrete emergency spillway wingwalls. The lake at George Poston Park is one of the many opportunities for citizens of Gaston County to enjoy outdoor recreation. If the emergency spillway structure were not fixed and the condition of the wingwalls continues to deteriorate, there is a possibility the lake would have to be drained, eliminating one of the main attractions of this park.

North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) §143-64.31 requires the initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to perform architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services, and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee. NCGS §143-64.32 authorizes units of local government to exempt contracts for design services from the qualifications-based selection requirements of NCGS §143-64.31 if the estimated fee is less than \$50,000. However, the design fees for this project will exceed the \$50,000 cap for exemption, thereby requiring the engineer to be selected through the qualifications-based process.

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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:

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Public Works staff developed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for the George Poston Park Dam Emergency Spillway Wingwall Repair in accordance with the statutory requirements and publicly advertised the RFQ beginning on October 2, 2024. Statements of Qualification (SOQ) submittals were received on October 22, 2024. The two (2) firms submitting SOQ's were:

- S&ME, Inc.
- The Thrasher Group North Carolina

Approval of this Board Action by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners officially selects S&ME, Inc. for the project listed above. Further, approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Attorney to negotiate and draft the necessary contract documents for the work and authorizes the County Manager, or his designee, to execute said contracts.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A