



# Gaston County

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## Public Works

## Board Action

File #: 23-546

Commissioner Johnson - Public Works - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Execute a Construction Contract with JM Cope Construction for the Fleet Services Expansion & Renovation Totaling \$7,344,308.30 and Appropriate \$2,477,622.00 to Fund this Contract

### STAFF CONTACT

Daniel K Ziehm, P.E. - Public Works Director - 704-862-6795

### BUDGET IMPACT

Appropriate funds from the Community Investment Fund.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Increase revenue and expense by \$2,477,622.00 in the Capital Improvement Fund via a transfer from the Community Investment Fund.

### BACKGROUND

The current Gaston County Fleet Services facility, located on Osceola Street, is no longer adequate for the growing number of vehicles requiring service. Fleet Services maintains in excess of 700 County vehicles and small equipment. The current facility and parking lot do not have enough space to provide necessary storage or to facilitate a proper inbound/outbound workflow. Gaston County purchased the property formerly known as Gashouse Garage at 323 N. Avon St. and the adjacent vacant parcel to expand Fleet Services to better serve the County's growing fleet maintenance needs. Approved in budget FY22 - \$1.8m for building purchase, FY23- \$3m for building renovations, and FY24- \$1m for building renovations. This appropriation of \$2,477,622 (along with small transfers within Public Works existing capital budget) will fund the difference between budgeted costs and the construction contract. Additional funds are needed due to the scope of the project, increase expenses of materials, labor, etc. Gaston County contracted with ADW Architects (ADW) to provide design, bid, and construction administration services for the renovation and expansion of the facility.

The project was publicly advertised, and bids were received on October 31, 2023. A total of five (5) bidders submitted proposals and the results are below. JM Cope Construction submitted the apparent low, responsive, responsible bid of \$7,344,308.30.

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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
2023-406	11/28/2023	RW	BH	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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Contractor	Location	Bid Amount
JM Cope Construction	Rock Hill, SC	\$7,344,308.30
Holden Building Company Inc.	Greensboro, NC	\$7,501,200.00
G.W. Liles Construction Co, Inc.	Concord, NC	\$7,625,431.00
Neil Grading & Construction Co.	Hickory, NC	\$7,803,770.86
Ground Thunder Construction Inc.	Charlotte, NC	\$8,469,800.00

Approval of this Board Action formally awards the project to JM Cope Construction to perform the work, appropriates funding from the Community Investment Fund (CIF) per the attached Budget Change Request, directs the County Attorney to draft all necessary contract documents, and authorizes the County Manager, or her designee, to execute said documents for an amount of \$7,344,308.30. JM Cope Construction has identified 8% HUB/MWBE participation on this project.

#### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Budget Change Request (BCR)

<b>GASTON COUNTY</b>					
<b>BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)</b>					
<b>TO:</b>	Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager				
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<b>REQUEST TYPE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Project Transfer Within Department & Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Departments <input type="checkbox"/> Line-Item Transfer Between Funds* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Appropriation of Funds*
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\*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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\*\* Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

\$4,866,686.30 is included in current budgeted funds (including \$1,000,000 in FY24 C.I.P Gap Funding and \$1,000,000 moved from other improvements and Capital Outlay). Bids were received on October 31, 2023 and the apparent low responsive, responsible bid was in the amount of \$7,344,308.30 from JM Cope Construction. Additional appropriated funds are necessary to account for current inflation of construction prices.