



Gaston County

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Tourism Development Board Action

File # 25-443

Commissioner Brown - Tourism Development - To Approve an Appropriation of \$227,409 from Tourism Fund Balance to Construct a Shade Over the Bleachers at Fraley Field

STAFF CONTACT

Michael Applegate - Tourism Development - 704-813-0144

BUDGET IMPACT

Tourism Fund Appropriate \$227,409 in Tourism Fund Balance.

BACKGROUND

Cherryville has been awarded an American Legion Baseball Super-Regional, which will bring 14 teams from the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States to Gaston County to compete for a spot in the American Legion World Series

As part of the event preparations, national American Legion officials have requested that Cherryville construct a shade structure over the bleachers at Fraley Field-an enhancement that would not only improve the spectator experience but also strengthen Cherryville's position as a long-term Super-Regional host site.

Following a presentation on the project during its August meeting, the Tourism Advisory Board voted to provide financial support from the tourism fund balance.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR)

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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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*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

** 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.

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