



# Gaston County

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## Public Works

## Board Action

File #: 18-141

Commissioner Brown - Public Works - To Award a Construction Contract and Authorize the County Manager to Execute said Contract with PHC Industrial of Hampton, Virginia for the Construction of the Gaston County Animal Care and Enforcement Facility, and Approve Funding at a Cost not to Exceed \$5,499,721

### STAFF CONTACT

Mr. Ray Maxwell, PE - Director - Public Works - 704-862-7551  
Dr. Kristine Blankenship - Director - Animal Care and Enforcement - 704-922-8677

### BUDGET IMPACT

\$5,499,721 CaroMont Lease Proceeds

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

### BACKGROUND

The current Gaston County Animal Care and Enforcement Facility located at 220 Leisure Lane, Dallas, North Carolina was built in 1969. A recent inspection by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture noted multiple deficiencies and needed repairs. The current facility also does not meet current Animal Welfare Act guidelines. In June 2015, the Gaston County Commissioners authorized the purchase of the facility and land at 1491 Business Park Court, Gastonia, North Carolina with a goal of renovating and developing this facility into a new Animal Care and Enforcement facility. The new facility is centrally located near the intersection of Interstate 85 and Highway 321, providing easy access for the citizens of Gaston County, as well as easy interstate/highway access for Animal Care and Enforcement officers. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners authorized the architecture firm Stewart Cooper Newell Architects of Gastonia, North Carolina to provide professional design services for the design and renovation of the new Animal Care and Enforcement facility (File #: 16-053).

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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	Brown	Fraley	Grant	Hovis	Keigher	Philbeck	Worley	Vote
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Construction plans for the Gaston County Animal Care and Enforcement facility were publicly advertised on March 04, 2018. A pre-bid conference and site visit was held on March 20, 2018. A public bid opening was held on April 05, 2018 at which time six (6) sealed general contractor bids were submitted and publicly opened and read with the following results:

<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
PHC Industrial	Hampton, VA	\$ 5,499,721.00
Holden Building Co., Inc.	Charlotte, NC	\$ 5,870,000.00
Carmel Contractors	Charlotte, NC	\$ 6,388,695.00
Encompass Building Group	Indian Trail, NC	\$ 6,401,000.00
Randolph & Son Builders, Inc.	Charlotte, NC	\$ 6,566,900.00
GW Liles Construction Co., Inc.	Concord, NC	\$ 7,556,000.00

Based on the bids received, this Board Action deems PHC Industrial as the general contractor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible bid. Approval of this Board Action formally selects PHC Industrial to perform construction work associated with this project, directs the County Attorney to draft all necessary contract documents, and authorizes the County Manager to execute said documents in an amount totaling \$5,499,721.00.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Architects Recommendation to Award



# Stewart · Cooper · Newell

April 9, 2018

Mr. Dan Ziehm, PE  
Assistant Director of Public Works  
Gaston County Public Works Dept.  
PO Box 1578  
Gastonia, NC 28053

Re: Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility – Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Ziehm,

Bids were received for the Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility on Thursday April 5, 2018. Six contractors submitted bids and all bids were publically opened and read aloud. Of the six bids received all six appeared to be responsive bids, per our conversations with the County.

The apparent low bid received was submitted by PHC Industrial, North Carolina General Contractors License # 78926 with a total low bid of \$5,499,721. Having reviewed the submitted bids, along with the required bid bond and MBE information included with the bid, it appears that this data is adequately submitted. While we are still in the process of hearing from more of PHC Industrial's references, the few that we heard from since the very recent bid opening have all given positive references. It is our understanding that the County believes that the Apparent Low Bid (ALB) meets the state requirements per GS 143-128 to be considered the "lowest responsible, responsive bidder".

Based on the limited information above, we recommend award of the construction contract for the Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility to PHC Industrial for the total bid amount of \$5,499,721.

Please let us know if you have any question or concerns or need any further information. We have attached, for your convenience and use a copy of the entire bid along with the certified bid tab.

Sincerely,

**Ken Newell**

Ken Newell, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

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