



## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Hovis - Public Works - To Accept an Offer to Purchase a County Owned Surplus Parcel (#155370 Located at 813 Freedom Mill Rd.) and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Upset Bid Process

### **STAFF CONTACT**

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

No Additional County Funds

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

Gaston County currently owns a parcel, PID 155370, located at 813 Freedom Mill Road, Gastonia. On October 27, 2020 the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approved Board Action 2020-291 to declare this non-essential, County-owned property surplus and authorized staff to initiate sale procedures pursuant to applicable North Carolina General Statute. This parcel is not in an area the County is planning to redevelop, nor is it planned for current or future redevelopment for County use. Based on the most recent revaluation, the total market value of the property is \$15,000.00.

The property is 0.29 acres of vacant land and was acquired through tax foreclosure on 12/04/19. The previous house on the property was torn down as the result of a house fire. The Public Works Office is in receipt of a written offer, in the amount of \$12,500.00, to purchase the property "as-is." Approval of this Board Action formally accepts the offer and authorizes staff to proceed with the upset bid process.

Under G.S. 160A-269, a County has the authority to "receive, solicit, or negotiate an offer to purchase property and advertise it for upset bids." Under this statute, if the Board of Commissioners accepts this offer to purchase the property, the County must then advertise the bid in the newspaper and allow ten (10) days for subsequent bids to be received. Once an upset bid period has expired with no additional bids, staff will bring the highest and best offer back to the Commission for final consideration.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A