



BOCC Excerpt November 20, 2017

Request approval of contract for McGill Associates for the Jonathan Creek property

Chairman Kirkpatrick recognized Program Administrator David Francis. Mr. Francis stated that after the Board gave approval to repurpose this property from recreation to economic use, the County has entered into a contract with Publix to receive soil from the Russ Avenue job site for the County owned Jonathan Creek site for one dollar a cubic yard. There is a possibility that the County will receive an additional 10,000 cubic yards for total of 35,000. There are two plans, one for the 25,000 cubic yards and the second is for the additional soil. Due to it being a public land and moving dirt, the project has to be permitted by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). There is a \$2,650 fee associated with that as well. McGill Associates has provided a topographic survey to make sure the property is elevated out of the flood plain. The intention is to make it shovel ready for economic development. Once it is raised three feet and then raised another foot, it will take it out of flood elevation and may provide the opportunity to apply to FEMA to take it out of the flood plain. There will be 8 acres out of the plain, with another 8 acres that is the floodway that cannot be taken out. The Publix agreement will have the site ready and running by mid-December.

Commissioner Sorrells commented that this will take a site that has some drawbacks and turn it into something usable. He noted that water and sewer are there and this will become a shovel ready site.

Mr. Francis said that if approved, there will be a DEQ meeting on Wednesday to review the permitting. It will then be put out for bidders. Haywood Advancement Foundation may absorb the cost for the spreading and compacting of the soil.

Commissioner Ensley motioned to approve the contract for McGill Associates to provide engineering and surveying services at the Jonathan Creek property needed to move 25,000 cubic yard to be paid from Economic Development budgeted funds. Commissioner Rogers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by members present.