

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 15, 2023

SUBJECT: **Selection for Engineering Services
Clear Creek (Edneyville) Sewer Design**

PRESENTER: Marcus Jones, PE

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

As directed by the Board with the allocation of funding, staff released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services to survey, design, acquire right of way, permit, bid, and administer construction for the collection system and possibly a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Services for the WWTP are contingent on NC Division of Environmental Quality approving the discharge permit. NCDEQ's decision on the permit should occur during the first quarter of CY2024.

In accordance with NC General Statute 143-64.31 (Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying Services), staff developed a RFQ and on October 20, 2023, posted it on the County's website, and advertised on local newspapers. The responses were received by 1:00pm on November 2, 2023. The RFQ was compliant with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Staff received a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from WGLA Engineering. Based on the SOQ and extensive experience with the firm, staff recommend the Board select WGLA Engineering for engineering services for the Clear Creek sewer collection system and WWTP. The SOQ for WGLA Engineering is available at the County's RFP/RFQ webpage and at the Office of the County Engineer.

Upon Board approval of selection, staff will negotiate an agreement with the firm and bring the agreement back to the Board for approval. Initially, an agreement for the collection system only will be presented to the Board for approval. With an approved discharge permit, staff will bring a supplementary agreement to the Board for the WWTP. The Board has allocated \$22,000,000 of ARPA funding to the project. The ARPA funding deadline is December 31, 2026 and will require an aggressive schedule; the firm has proposed a schedule to meet this deadline.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the selection of WGLA Engineering, PLLC as the most qualified responding firm to provide engineering services for the Clear Creek sewer collection system and WWTP.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the selection of WGLA Engineering, PLLC as the most qualified responding firm to provide engineering services for the Clear Creek sewer collection system and WWTP.