

Item Title: Acceptance of Sealed Bid for Property at 6301 Robertson Pond Road, Wendell, NC

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Accepts the sealed bid amount of \$15,000.00 and designates that amount into the Parks Recreation and Open Space unallocated account; and**
- 2. Authorizes the County Manager or his designee to execute all documentation required to effectuate that transaction.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: State statute (*Chapter 160A Article 12*) requires a Board of Commissioners' acceptance or rejection of a qualified sealed bid.

Background: At its September 4, 2018 meeting, the Board approved an advertised seal bid process as the most favorable method of disposition for the County. One bid was received by the October 9, 2018 deadline for bid submission. The Resolution adopted by the Board in September provided that any bids received would be accepted or rejected on October 15, 2018.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: The transaction will net funds for the County to be reinvested in the Open Space program.

Additional Information:

In 2016, Wake County purchased the 70-acre Gehrke Farm property for inclusion into the County's Open Space Preservation Program. The Gehrke Farm is located off Robertson Pond Road in Buffalo Creek and is situated adjacent to the Robertson Millpond Preserve which the Gehrke family previously sold to the County in 2013.

The Gehrke Farm property included several structures including a residential house and several outbuildings. The outbuildings include what was the farm's office and shop. Staff determined that the barns could be used to support the County's Open Space program.

Staff from Facilities Design and Construction, General Services Administration, Planning Permits and Inspections, Housing and Parks Recreation & Open Space evaluated the Gehrke House with these uses in mind and selected selling the house and moving it off-site as the most practical solution.

County staff considered several alternatives for the Gehrke House, including:

- reuse as a County facility in conjunction with the Robertson Millpond Preserve;
- demolition of the house;
- sell the house to be moved off-site
- carving the house and lot out of the farm and selling separately;
- carving the house and lot out of the farm and utilizing for another County function such as affordable housing

At its September 4, 2018 meeting, the Board approved an advertised seal bid process as the most favorable method of disposition for the County. The Resolution called for the Board to accept or reject any bids received on October 15, 2018. One qualified bid was received by the October 9, 2018 deadline for bid submission and Staff recommends acceptance of that bid.

Attachments:

1. September 4, 2018 Resolution
2. Copy of the Bid Received