

Item Title: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Fuquay-Varina for the Fire Station #4 and Wake EMS Project

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Fuquay-Varina for funding and construction of the Fuquay-Varina Fire Station #4 and Wake EMS Project, subject to conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: North Carolina state statutes require the Board of Commissioners to approval all interlocal agreements that are associated with construction projects.

Background: On November 15, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Fuquay-Varina for development of Fire Station #4 and Wake EMS Project. The shared Fire and EMS facility consists of an approximate 17,464 square foot building with two full bays for the Town apparatus and one full bay for Wake EMS. There will also be approximately twenty-four parking spaces on property currently owned by the Town. The Town of Fuquay-Varina Fire Department will use 7,076 dedicated square feet. Wake EMS will use 1,660 dedicated square feet. The Fire Department and EMS will share 8,736 square feet.

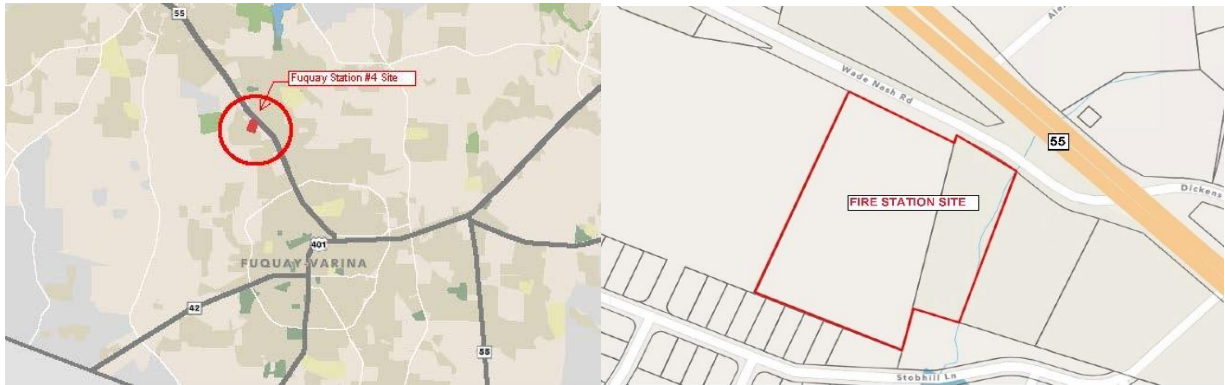
Board Goal: This project complement Public Safety Goal 3: Provide sustainable, high-quality public safety services to meet the community's current and future needs.

Fiscal Impact: The cost basis for the shared project development cost is \$8,980,051. The Interlocal Agreement calls for the County to pay the Town the County's EMS portion of the construction project in the amount of \$1,706,210 at final project completion which is anticipated in early FY24. This is 19% of the total cost shown above. The current FY 2023 budget appropriated \$100,000 in FY 2023 for furniture, fixtures and equipment that the County will directly purchase for the EMS spaces. The payment of \$1,706, 210 for the EMS portion of the project will be incorporated into the FY2024-30 County Capital Improvement Program for payment in FY 2024.

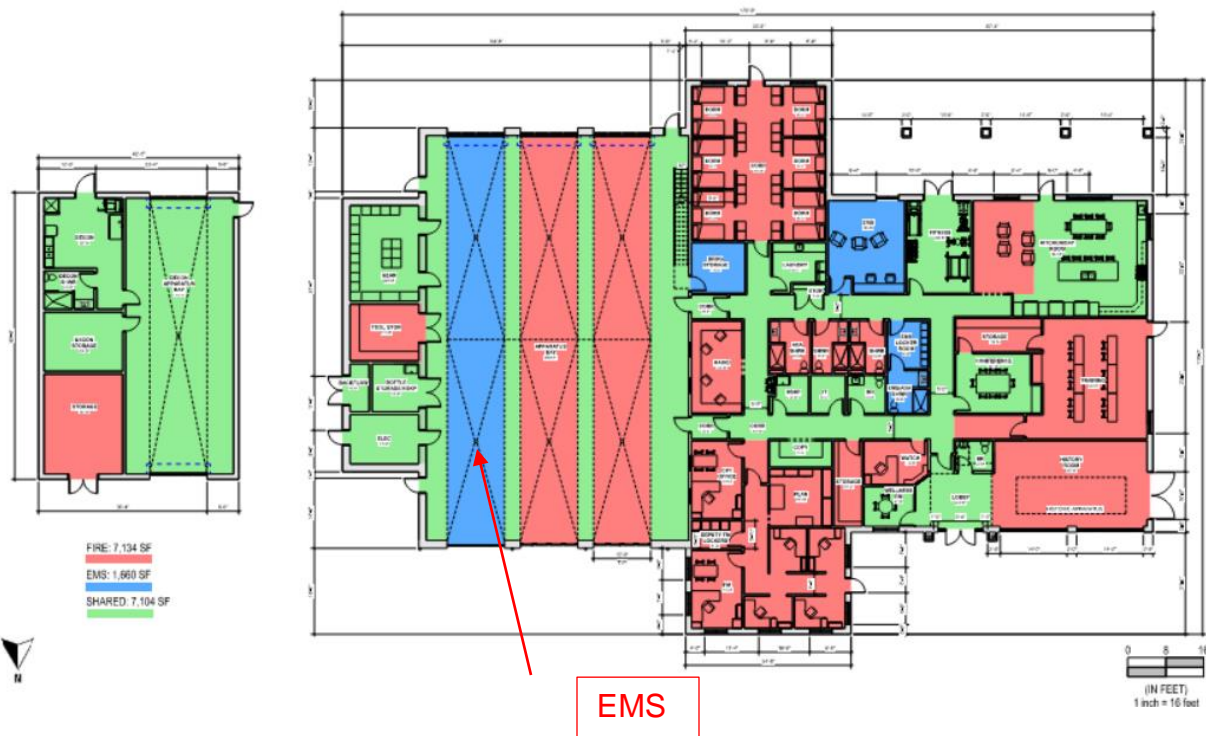
The Fire Tax Capital Improvement Plan is repaying 25.05% of the fire station portion of the total project cost over the 20-year financing term. The total Fire Tax portion for the projects design, furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), testing and construction is \$2,615,897.

Additional Information:

In 2020, the Town of Fuquay-Varina purchased property at 4821 Wade Nash Road for a new Fire Station. The Town desired to continue collaborative public safety efforts by partnering with Wake County EMS to maintain and expand the assignment of Wake County EMS and staff in the Town. The site location is highlighted in the maps below.



The Town entered into a Design-Build contract, authorized by the Fuquay-Varina Town Council in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143.128.1.A, with a Design-Build Team it selected. The Town entered into Phase 1 of a progressive Design-Build Contract which encompasses the full design of the project. The interior floor plan is shown below:



An Interlocal Agreement has been developed between the County and Town of Fuquay-Varina for development of this project, based on the construction bids received by the Town and other project costs. The purpose of this document is to set forth the agreement between the Parties to

undertake the co-located construction of the Fuquay-Varina Fire Station #4 and Wake County EMS Facility on property owned by the Town. The Town of Fuquay-Varina shall serve as the lead agency to manage design, development, and construction of the project. The County will reimburse the Town with a simple lump sum payment at final completion for the County's portion of the project.

In June 2022, the Design Build Team completed the permitting and bidding phase of the project. On July 11, 2022, the Town of Fuquay-Varina awarded a guaranteed maximum price contract amendment for construction of the project and approved the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Town of Fuquay-Varina. Construction of the project is anticipated to commence in September of 2022 and is scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2023.

Attachments:

1. Draft Interlocal Agreement