

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**BRIEFING
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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT UNION CROSS PARK, 421 RIVER PARK, AND WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY PARK (PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Forsyth County Parks and Recreation is replacing equipment at selected playgrounds, along with related improvements, as part of the voter-approved 2016 General Obligation Bonds. After evaluating various playground suppliers and visiting several area playgrounds to evaluate durability and quality, Forsyth County Parks and Recreation staff has identified Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., d/b/a GameTime and Miracle Recreation as the premier companies offering playground equipment that best meets the needs of the County; therefore Forsyth County Parks and Recreation recommends using GameTime playground equipment for Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park.

The desired playground equipment is available through U.S. Communities (USC), a national formally organized and competitive bidding group purchasing program. Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., d/b/a GameTime of Fort Payne, Alabama, has been awarded competitive bid contract #2017001134_Amendment1 through USC and provides the equipment through an authorized North Carolina distributor and certified installer, Cunningham Associates, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina. The total cost for the purchase of the playground equipment and turn-key installation, will be as follows:

	<u>Union Cross</u>	<u>421 Park</u>	<u>Walkertown</u>
Playground Equipment, Freight, Tax	\$63,277.57	\$15,441.28	\$71,274.19
Rubber Safety Surfacing	\$27,383.00	\$21,181.00	\$43,894.20
Installation	\$13,965.00	\$4,820.00	\$14,999.00
Municipal Discount	<u>(19,607.24)</u>	<u>(1,439.98)</u>	<u>(20,964.37)</u>
Total Cost	\$85,018.33	\$40,002.30	\$109,203.02

The County may purchase the equipment in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3), which authorizes "purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing services at discount prices to two or more public agencies."

It is recommended by the County Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, and the Purchasing Director that a contract for playground equipment per specifications and installation at Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park in the total amount of \$234,223.65, be awarded to Cunningham Associates, Inc.

ATTACHMENTS:- YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 COUNTYMANAGER

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT FOR UNION CROSS PARK, 421 RIVER PARK, AND
WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY PARK
(PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS, replacing the playground equipment at Union Cross Park, 421 River Park and Walkertown Community Park has been funded by the voter-approved 2016 General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County Parks and Recreation staff has identified Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime and Miracle Recreation as the premier companies offering playground equipment that best meets the needs of the County; therefore Forsyth County Parks and Recreation recommends using GameTime playground equipment for Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park; and

WHEREAS, the desired playground equipment is available through Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a GameTime under contract #2017001134_Amendment1 through U.S. Communities, a national, formally organized and competitive bidding group purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, the playground equipment will be procured through a GameTime authorized North Carolina distributor and certified installer, Cunningham Associates, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina, who also installs the equipment and rubber safety surfacing; and

WHEREAS, under the U.S. Communities contract, Cunningham Associates, Inc., offers a municipal discount for the equipment and installation, making the total amount for each project as follows:

	<u>Union Cross</u>	<u>421 Park</u>	<u>Walkertown</u>
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WHEREAS, Forsyth County may purchase the equipment in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(3), which authorizes “purchases made through a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing services at discount prices to two or more public agencies.”; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, and the Purchasing Director that the contract for playground equipment and installation at Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park in the total amount of \$234,223.65 be awarded to Cunningham Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available to cover the cost of these contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, that the contract for playground equipment and installation at Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park in the total amount of \$234,223.65, be awarded to Cunningham Associates, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of Forsyth County, with Cunningham Associates, Inc., for playground equipment and installation at Union Cross Park, 421 River Park, and Walkertown Community Park in the total amount of \$234,223.65, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2018.