

FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: December 19, 2019 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 12

SUBJECT:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR C.G. HILL MEMORIAL PARK, JOANIE MOSER MEMORIAL PARK, AND HORIZONS PARK (PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT)

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

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., dba GameTime, offering playground equipment that best meets the needs of the County; therefore, Forsyth County Parks and Recreation recommends using GameTime playground equipment for C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons 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., dba GameTime, 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>C.G. Hill</u>	<u>Joanie Moser</u>	<u>Horizons</u>
Playground Equipment, Freight, Tax	\$73,244.56	\$63,282.67	\$67,142.25
Rubber Safety Surfacing	\$55,370.70	\$44,979.00	\$42,885.15
Installation	\$21,575.00	\$14,355.00	\$16,625.00
Municipal Discount	(<u>\$20,179.41</u>)	(<u>\$15,372.25</u>)	(<u>\$17,205.05</u>)
Total Cost	\$130,010.85	\$107,244.42	\$109,447.35

The County may direct 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 the County purchase from Cunningham Associates, Inc., playground equipment, including installation, at C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons Park for a total amount not to exceed \$346,702.62.

ATTACHMENTS:- YES NO

SIGNATURE: f. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS DATE: December 16, 2019
COUNTY MANAGER

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OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR C.G. HILL MEMORIAL PARK,
JOANIE MOSER MEMORIAL PARK, AND HORIZONS PARK
(PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT)**

WHEREAS the replacement of playground equipment at C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons Park was funded by the voter approved 2016 General Obligation Bonds;

WHEREAS Forsyth County Parks & Recreation staff has identified Playcore Wisconsin Inc., dba GameTime, as offering the highest quality playground equipment that meets the needs of the County; therefore, Forsyth County Parks and Recreation recommends using GameTime playground equipment for C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons Park;

WHEREAS the desired playground equipment is available through Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime, under contract #20171134_Amendment 1 through US Communities, a national, formally organized and competitive bidding group purchasing program;

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

WHEREAS under the US Communities contract, Cunningham Associates, Inc., offers a municipal discount for the equipment and installation, and the cost breakdown for each project is as follows:

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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 & Recreation Director, and the Purchasing Director that the County purchase from Cunningham Associates, Inc., playground equipment, including installation, at C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons Park for a total amount not to exceed \$346,702.62;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute an agreement, on behalf of Forsyth County, with Cunningham Associates, Inc., for playground equipment and installation at C.G. Hill Memorial Park, Joanie Moser Memorial Park, and Horizons Park in a total amount not to exceed \$346,702.62, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 19th day of December 2019.