



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00700

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the Town of Micanopy

Presenter:

Sara Owens – Micanopy Manager

Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff

Description:

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places Project with the Town of Micanopy

Recommended Action:

Pursuant to Ordinance 16-06, approve the grant request submitted by the Town of Micanopy and authorize the Alachua County Chair to execute the grant agreement

Prior Board Motions:

From the 2016 surtax proceeds, the Board set aside \$6 million (off the top) for joint partnership projects with all nine cities. The City of Gainesville received \$3 million and all nine cities proposed partnership projects for the remaining \$3 million. The Town of Micanopy was earmarked \$85,000 for a yet-to-be-determined joint project.

April 11, 2023 BoCC Meeting: The Board heard a presentation from the Micanopy Town Administrator. Commissioner Alford moved to direct staff to place a Conservation Easement on the property and move forward with the documents needed to transfer the property to the Town of Micanopy at a future date. The Board was to review the matter prior to transfer. Board approved.

December 23, 2023 BCC Meeting, County Attorney Report: The County Attorney provided an update and received input from the Board. The consensus of the Board was that the existing structure on the property was fine to remain or restore, as well as previous trails on the property. The intent is to have a minimal footprint on the site.

Fiscal Note:

Not to exceed \$85,000 as earmarked to the Town of Micanopy for our 2016 surtax funded joint partnership project. 021.41.4100.572.81.00

Strategic Guide:

Infrastructure

Background:

The Town of Micanopy is the only city with an unidentified 2016 surtax funded joint project. The amount of \$85,000 was earmarked of the \$3 million set aside for all cities. The Town has requested to use their joint project funding toward acquisition of the Micanopy Annex property adjacent Micanopy's Native American Heritage Preserve. A separate agenda item regarding the purchase and sale of the Micanopy Annex property is being presented to the Board.