



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00552**

**Agenda Date: 7/9/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Projects with the City of Archer**

**Presenter:**

Tony Hammond – Archer City Manager  
Gina Peebles – Assistant County Manager – Chief of Staff

**Description:**

Request Approval of Joint Wild Spaces Public Places and Infrastructure Projects with the City of Archer

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Archer's application for WSPSP Surtax Partnership Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$333,333 and conditionally approve Archer's application for Other Infrastructure Partnership Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 contingent on the Board approving Change Order #2 as part of Agenda Item 24-00814, and authorize the Chair and Clerk to execute a grant agreement for each application using the form grant agreement attached to this agenda item.

**Prior Board Motions:**

August 22, 2023 - Hear presentation and approve the Joint Infrastructure Surtax Projects Application form as proposed.

May 23, 2023 – Approve equal distribution between all nine cities (\$333,333 for Wild Spaces Public Places and \$333,333 for Infrastructure). Staff is to develop a standard application form to detail how the grant provides both countywide significance as laid out in the statute, and local significance for their respective municipality and that the form be reviewed by the Oversight Board

**Fiscal Note:**

BoCC match will not exceed the City of Archer's allocated \$333,333 in joint Wild Spaces Public Places partnership project funding and \$80,000 in joint Infrastructure partnership project funding.

**Strategic Guide:**

Infrastructure

**Background:**

The City of Archer has submitted two (2) applications to the County for award of surtax grant funding pursuant to the County's Non-Recurring Municipal Partnership Program established by Ordinance

2022-08. The grant program provides up to \$333,333 in WSPP Grant Funding and up to \$333,333 in Other Infrastructure Grant funding to each municipality within Alachua County. The program requires matching funds from the municipality and is paid on a cost reimbursement basis. In order to award grant funding under this program, the Board must determine the following: (1) the project is eligible to use surtax funding; and (2) that the project has “countywide significance.”

One (1) Application for Wild Spaces Public Places Uses:

1. Construction of the Holly Hills Community Center at Maddox Park: Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000. Maddox Park is owned and operated by the City of Archer. The City seeks surtax grant funding from the County for the construction of the Holly Hills Community Center. The project is in the final design stages and construction is expected to be completed in June 2025. The Community Center will include meeting space, a joint basketball/volleyball court, and be open to the public for free; however, a fee may be required to rent the Community Center for special events. The proposed project will build stronger communities through investment in the historically-African American Holly Hills neighborhood by providing a place for the community to gather indoors. It will further promote a healthy environment for children of the community to have a safe, enclosed place to participate in organized sports. The facility will serve a dual purpose of a meeting hall and a basketball court. Currently, there is no similar facility in the Holly Hill community for residents to gather. The City has already been awarded a \$500,000 State of Florida African American Historical Grant and a \$20,000 grant from Duke Energy for this project.

One (1) Application for Other Infrastructure Uses:

1. Mill and resurface a segment of SW 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and Place Millings on SW 141<sup>st</sup> Lane, SW 141<sup>st</sup> Street and SW 174<sup>th</sup> Street: Estimated Cost: \$160,000. The City is seeking surtax grant funding from the County to: (a) mill and resurface SW 143<sup>rd</sup> Street from SW 170<sup>th</sup> Street to SR 45; and (b) transport and place the millings from SW 143<sup>rd</sup> Street onto SW 141<sup>st</sup> Lane, SW 141<sup>st</sup> Street and SW 174<sup>th</sup> Street. This project will provide better access to Archer Elementary School and will probably cut down on any damages to busses that travel this road on a daily basis. This project is atypical in that the County will be performing this work through a recently awarded contract with Watson Construction to widen and resurface a nearby segment of SW 170<sup>th</sup> Street (Contract No. 13453 for BID 23-933). So, instead of reimbursing the City for performing work as is standard for surtax grant awards, the City will be paying the County up to \$80,000 for performing this work. The milling and resurfacing requested by the City will be accomplished by Change Order #2 to the Watson contract, which is on this agenda for approval by the Board as part of Agenda Item 24-00814. The total cost of CO#2 is \$80,039.90. The transportation and placing of the millings will also be performed by Watson under its base contract, which requires Watson to deliver the millings to the County. Transporting the millings to SW 141<sup>st</sup> Lane, SW 141<sup>st</sup> Road and SW 174 street will save money by providing a distribution site miles closer than anticipated. The County’s contribution will be in the form of administration of the Watson Contract and other in-kind services of staff time and equipment.