



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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Item Status: New

From: Wayne Dyess, County Administrator

Submitted by: Kristen M. Rawson, Assistant Administrative Services Manager

ITEM TITLE

Request from the Vaughn Community for a Community Garden on County-owned Property off Canaan Road in Stockton

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Action item with discussion necessary - Based on the discussion during the June 1, 2021, Baldwin County Commission Work Session meeting, consider and/or approve the following actions related to the request from Mr. Mitchell Nye on behalf of the Vaughn Community:

- 1) Approve the use of a portion of the County-owned property off Canaan Road in Stockton, Alabama, to establish a community garden for the At-Ease Veteran Therapy Farming program; and
- 2) Approve the installation of a well on the property with grant monies provided by the Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation and Development Council to eliminate the use of city water services for the community garden. The location of the well is to be determined and is contingent upon approval by the County as to best placement practices. No County funds will be used for the purchase or installation of said well.

If approved, staff will bring forth additional agenda items to amend the current lease agreement with Mr. Frank Bryars, who currently leases the property, to reflect the change and initiate a lease agreement with Mr. Mitchell Nye for the use of the property for the community garden.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: Mr. Mitchell Nye is requesting to use a portion of the County-owned property off Canaan Road in Stockton, Alabama, in the Vaughn Community, to establish a community garden for the At-Ease Veteran Therapy Farming Project for veterans in Baldwin County. The property is currently being leased from the County by Mr. Frank Bryars.

Mr. Nye has secured \$5,900.00 in grant monies from the Gulf Coast Resource, Conservation and Development Council to fund the purchase and installation of a well on the portion of the property that would be used for the garden, which would eliminate the need to use city water for the irrigation

of the garden. The grant expires August 1, 2021. Mr. Nye is also seeking a grant through Baldwin EMC to run power to the well.

June 1, 2021 BCC Work Session - Mr. Mitchell Nye was present to discuss the community garden project.

May 21, 2021 - Commission staff received an email from Charlie Ramsey, Executive Director, Gulf Coast RC&D Council, on May 21, 2021, which provides information on their opportunity through the At-Ease Veterans program which is sponsored by the Alabama Association of RD&D Councils and Alabama's Mountains, Rivers & Valleys RC&D Council.

Background: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Commission Administration Staff

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):

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Cc: Charlie Ramsey, Executive Director, Gulf Coast RC&D (ramseyrcd@gmail.com)

Additional instructions/notes: N/A