

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: _____

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR A U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR THE FY2019 EDA ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) released the FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 13, 2019, detailing general policies and application procedures. This grant helps communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued. Forsyth County qualifies for the FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental NOFO due to being designated a disaster area by FEMA under Hurricane Michael in 2018.

The Department of Community & Economic Development plans to submit a grant application, on behalf of Smith Reynolds Airport, to assist with the cost of infrastructure repairs at the airport that were caused or exacerbated due to Hurricane Michael. The repairs are primarily to the 4001 N. Liberty Street building and the total cost is estimated at approximately \$7 million. If awarded, the grant may fund approximately 80% of the cost of the eligible repairs and requires a local match.

ATTACHMENTS:

Yes

No

SIGNATURE: _____

J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: September 20, 2019

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WHEREAS the United States Economic Development Administration released the FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity on August 13, 2019, detailing general policies and application procedures for funding grants to help communities and regions affected by natural disasters devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through non-construction and construction projects;

WHEREAS Forsyth County was designated a federal disaster area in 2018, due to the effects of Hurricane Michael and thus qualifies to apply for grant funding; and

WHEREAS Smith Reynolds Airport sustained damage to buildings and facilities caused or exacerbated by Hurricane Michael in an amount of approximately \$7,000,000 and desires to apply for a grant to assist in the repair of these damages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board to execute the necessary documents, on behalf of Forsyth County, to apply for grant funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to assist with infrastructure repairs at Smith Reynolds Airport in an amount of approximately \$7,000,000, 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, and further subject to compliance with the applicable bidding laws.

Adopted this 12th day of September 2019.