

**FORSYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 14

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A STATE GRANT TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE PARK FROM DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: *J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS*
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: December 2, 2019

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WHEREAS Forsyth County executed on May 17, 2019, an agreement by which it may purchase from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for the amount of \$640,000, approximately 216 acres of land on Belews Lake (the "Property") for development as a County Park;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) awards grants to nonprofit and governmental organizations to acquire land for parks, build recreational facilities for public use, protect land for natural, historical and cultural benefits, limit encroachment on military installations, restore degraded streams, and develop and improve stormwater treatment technology;

WHEREAS PARTF awards grants up to a maximum of \$500,000, and requires the recipient to match the award dollar-for-dollar, allowing donated appraised value to be used as the recipient's match;

WHEREAS PARTF requires that the land acquired with its funds must be dedicated in perpetuity for public recreational use; and

WHEREAS County Parks and Recreation staff recommends that the County apply for a grant from PARTF in the amount of \$500,000, with the County match consisting of donated appraised value of the Property, and purchase, closing, and survey costs, and that, if awarded, the County purchase the Property and place restrictions on the Property for perpetual public recreational use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and the Chairman or County Manager and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, necessary documents to receive grant funds, if awarded, from PARTF to acquire property for a future park from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, for perpetual public recreational use, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon, by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 5th day of December 2019.