Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting Agenda March 4, 2025 6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order by Chairman
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge
- **IV. Ethics Statement** "Members of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners are reminded and advised of their duties under state law and the Cherokee County Code of Ethics Resolution, as such may pertain of their personal actions and actions of the board".
- V. Budget Revisions
 - a) <u>Budget Revision for Digital Sign for Landfill</u> (Grant funds from University of Georgia in the amount of \$5,000 and use of contingency in the amount of \$1,284)
 - b) <u>Budget Revision for Emergency Shelter Grant</u> (Project was approved on 5/6/2024. There is no county match. Board just needs to approve revision to accept grant funds)
 - c) <u>Budget Revision in the amount of \$131,250 to accept NC Department of Public Safety</u>
 <u>Grant for Emergency Operations Center</u> (Project was previously approved and county match of \$43,750 was previously budgeted.)

VI. Other Business

- a) New High School Funding Plan
- b) Set FY26 Budget Calendar
- c) Town of Murphy Request for Donation of Armory
- VII. Animal Control Discussion
- VIII. Adjourn



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<u>BUDGET REVISION</u>

3/4/2025

(DECREASE)
INCREASE

1047720-34331 Grant Revenue 1099800-48880 Contingency 1097720-45000 Capital Assets > \$5000 5,000.00 (1,284.00) 6,284.00

Grant funds from the University of Georgia's Overcoming Barriers to Recycling program to purchase a digital sign for the landfill. County match of \$1,284 to come from contingency.

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Purchase Agreement

Buyer: Cherokee County Solid Waste - 1/10/2025

Robert Ward 10160 US Hwy 19 Marble, NC 28905 T: 828-837-2621

F:

Email: robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov

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Scope of Work		<u>Price</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Tc</u>	<u>otal</u>
FocusColor Model# FC10-64160L Single-s	ided		1	Ś	5,900.00
Approximate Dimensions - 2'8" x 5'11'	100000000		-	-	5,500.00
10.9mm pixel pitch (SMD) / 64 x 160 pixel matrix / 28	100				
160° viewing angle / Video playback 60f	ips				
Windows PC Messaging Software / Temperature Probe	All the second s				
RWF High Speed Long Range Wireless Trans					
Shipping					Included
Delivery by Appointment					
Warranty and Support					
5 year manufacturers warranty					
Unlimited technical support & Unlimited softwa	re training				
ocus Digital Display Rep: Ben Blackburn x1701		Sub-Total		\$	5,900.0
Drawing #: FC10-64160L	Ī	Tax		\$	-
Payment is due upon receipt of equipment. Failure to have elec	trical supply	Total		\$	5,900.0
loes not relieve the client's obligation to pay any balance due ur	nder this	50% deposit		\$	2,950.0
contract. No electrical service shall be installed by Focus Digital L	Displays LLC.	Balance		\$	2,950.0

Past due balances shall bear interest of 1.5% per month, or the maximum non-usurious rate, whichever is less.

illing Address	Accepted: Cherokee County Solid Waste
Cherokee County Solid Waste	Buyer:
75 Peachtree St.	Date:
	Focus Digital Displays LLC:
Murphy, NC 28906	FDD LLC:
	Date:

Focus Digital Displays, LLC Terms and Conditions

- 1. This contract contains all of the terms of the agreement between Buyer and Seller and oral agreements or understandings not otherwise contained herein are invalid and unenforceable. Any modification to this contract shall be in writing signed by Buyer and Seller.
- This contract shall be deemed entered into and substantially performed in the County of Williamson, State if Texas and Buyer consents to the jurisdiction of
 the County of Williamson, State of Texas for purposes of enforcement of the terms hereof. The parties hereto agree that the transaction contemplated by this
 contract was solicited in Williamson County, Texas.
- Any and all software support services, as well as any warranties, are conditioned on and are subject to payment in full of any and all sums due by Buyer under this contract whether to Buyer or to Third party end user of the products sold hereunder.
- 4. Focus Digital Displays, LLC HERBBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS AND SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES SUCH DISCLAIMER, ANY WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, AND ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, OR ANY DAMAGES FOR MENTAL ANGUISH OR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS.
- Prices quoted are based on current material and labor costs, but are only guaranteed for thirty (30) days from the date of quotation. Buyer agrees to be responsible for any changes in the costs of materials after that period.
- 6. All measurements listed on this contract are approximate.
- 7. When the construction of the equipment is completed Focus Digital Displays, LLC will notify buyer of such. If the buyer cannot or will not accept delivery and/or installation of the equipment within fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice of completion, Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall immediately be entitled to receive full payment for the balance due and owing to Focus Digital Displays, LLC pursuant to this agreement. Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall not be liable for any delay due to causes beyond its reasonable control, such as, but not limited to, acts of God, vandalism, acts of civil or military authorities, fires, strikes, floods, riots, delays in transportation and liability due to cause beyond its reasonable control to obtain the necessary labor, materials or paint facilities.
- 8. The Buyer authorizes Focus Digital Displays, LLC, its agents, servants, and employees to erect or attach a display or displays and electrical equipment and necessary structures on the building or property specified in this agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties hereto agree that no equipment provide or installed by Focus Digital Displays, LLC become a fixture or appurtenance of any real property.
- 9. The rights and interest of the Buyer hereunder shall not be transferable or assignable through operation of law or otherwise, except with the prior written consent of Focus Digital Displays, LLC. Upon transfer or assignment, whether authorized by Focus Digital Displays, LLC on tot, Buyer will remain primarily liable for all payments required pursuant to the terms of the agreement. Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall be entitled to assign the unpaid balance of the agreement herein provided to be paid, without notice to Buyer, and Buyer, upon written notice from assignees to do so, shall be obligated to pay said balance and any other monies due or owing under this agreement when and as due to said assignee. Such assignment shall operate to release and discharge Focus Digital Displays, LLC obligation to carry out all of the agreements herein provided for on part of Focus Digital Displays, LLC, to be carried out and performed.
- Buyer grants to Focus Digital Displays, LLC permission to reproduce copies of renderings, licenses, photographs and videotapes of the Buyers displays for
 use in, but not limited to Focus Digital Displays, LLC portfolios, brochures, videotapes, or other Focus Digital Displays, LLC advertising.
- 11. This is a non-cancelable contract and cannot be terminated or cancelled except as expressly provided herein, or by agreement of both parties in writing.
- 12. Until such time as the contract price and extras, if any, are paid in full, the Buyer grants Focus Digital Displays, LLC a security interest in the items which are previously described and are the subject matter of this agreement. In the event that they Buyer defaults on prompt payment of the contract price in accordance with the terms herein set fourth or in the due performance of, or compliance with, any of the terms, conditions or provisions hereof, or that a proceeding in bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, insolvency, receivership or reorganization be instituted by or against the Buyer or the Buyer's property or the business of the Buyer is in any way liquidated or that Focus Digital Displays, LLC deems itself insecure or said property or any part thereof is in danger of loss, misuse, seizure or confiscation, all indebtedness then owing by the Buyer to Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall at Focus Digital Displays, LLC options, without notice, become due and payable at once, together with reasonable attorney's fees, if said indebtedness is placed with an attorney for collection, and Focus Digital Displays, LLC or any sheriff or other office of the law may take immediate possession of said property, including any attachment thereto, without demand or further notice and without legal process. For this purpose and in furtherance thereof, the Buyer shall, if Focus Digital Displays, LLC so requests, assemble said property and make it available to Focus Digital Displays, LLC at a reasonable convenient place designated by Focus Digital Displays, LLC. Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall have the right and the Buyer does hereby expressly authorize and empower Focus Digital Displays, LLC to enter the premises wherever said property may be and remove the same. IN the event of repossession, Focus Digital Displays, LLC may retain attorney's fees, costs and charges for pursuing, searching for, removing, taking, keeping, storing, advertising, preparing for sale and selling such property and the amount unpaid on any obligation secured hereunder and Focus Digital Displays, LLC shall have such other rights and remedies as provided and permitted by law. This agreement may serve as and be recorded as a financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code. By this agreement, the Buyer hereby also grants Focus Digital Displays, LLC a limited power of attorney for the purpose of signing and filing any and all necessary documents for the purpose of obtaining and perfecting a security interest in the property which is the subject matter of the agreement, including without limitation, a UCCC-1. This contract shall not be binding upon Focus Digital Displays, LLC until accepted and signed by a duly authorized officer thereof.
- 13. Buyer expressly agrees hereto to service of any legal process by express delivery or certified mail, and waives any objection or legal defense that could be brought regarding such service.
- 14. In the event that any legal proceeding arises regarding the subject matter covered by this agreement, the parties hereto agree that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other its actual attorney's fees.
- 15. Contracts contingent upon sign pennit approval must seek application for permit or variance within fifteen days of contract date. Proof of denial must be provided.
- 16. Payment is due upon receipt of equipment. Failure to have electrical supply does not relieve buyer Buyer's obligation to pay any balance due under this contract.

Accepted: Cherokee County Solid Waste	Focus Digital Displays, LLC
Buyer:	Focus Digital Displays:
Date:	Date:



Jenna R. Jambeck, Ph.D.
Regents Professor
2022 MacArthur Fellow
Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor in Environmental Engineering
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February 18, 2025

To Whom it may Concern:

The University of Georgia Jambeck Research Group will pay Focus Digital Displays \$5,000 of the cost for the 2-line led digital readout sign, Model FC10-64160L, per shop drawings attached. Cherokee County will then pay Focus Digital Displays the remaining \$900 of the cost for the sign. The sign will be drop shipped to the Cherokee County Landfill. Cherokee County will also buy approximately \$383.21 in parts, wiring, post, etc., and take care of the entire installation of the sign as detailed below

Estimated landfill expenses are included below:

- 100' of 16 gauge 3 strand romex \$62.10
- https://www.homedepot.com/p/WindyNation-100-ft-16-3-16-Gauge-3-Conductor-300-Volt-Black-SJOOW-Cable-Cord-16G-3C-SJOOW-100/329547404
- 100' of conduit 10X\$6.63=\$66.30 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Cantex-1-2-in-x-10-ft-Gray-Non-Metallic-PVC-Schedule-40-Conduit-A52AE12H/202352535
- 2 elbows 2\$x0.98=\$1.94 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Carlon-1-2-in-90-Degree-Schedule-40-Standard-Radius-Belled-End-Elbow-UA9ADB-40-HD/100404151
- Electrical connections 2x \$4.43=\$8.86 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Carlon-1-2-in-Sch-40-and-80-PVC-Type-LB-Conduit-Body-E986D-20-HD/100404083
- HD/100404083
 Wire nuts \$4.98
 - https://www.homedepot.com/p/Commercial-Electric-Standard-Wire-Connectors-Red-30-Pack-ESR-30/315849548
- 12' of 3" x 3" steel tube \$126.00 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Slipfence-3-in-x-3-in-x-12-ft-4-in-Black-Powder-Coated-Aluminum-Fence-Post-Includes-Post-Cap-SF2-PK312/311798902
- Angle iron clips \$8.47
- https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-in-x-3-ft-1-16-in-Thick-Aluminum-Angle-6430/332734871
- Bolts \$7.77
 - $\frac{\text{https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-8-in-16-x-1-in-Zinc-Plated-Hex-Bolt-25-Pack-800820/204281551}{\text{https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-8-in-16-x-1-in-Zinc-Plated-Hex-Bolt-25-Pack-800820/204281551}$
- Nuts \$3.85
 - https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-8-in-16-Zinc-Plated-Hex-Nut-25-Pack-802364/204274093
- Concrete 3x\$5.98=\$17.94 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Quikrete-80-lb-Concrete-Mix-110180/100318511
- Rent an auger attachment for tractor4 hrs. \$75 Farmers rent all Murphy phone quote

Labor and tractor to be provided by existing Cherokee County landfill personnel and equipment.

Total \$383.21



Summary:

University of Georgia grant to Jambeck Research Group shall pay \$5000 directly to Focus Digital Displays covering 79.6% of the total cost of the 2-line lighted LED sign to be used to notify the public about Cherokee County Recycling, Landfill, and Solid Waste Department hours, news, and events.

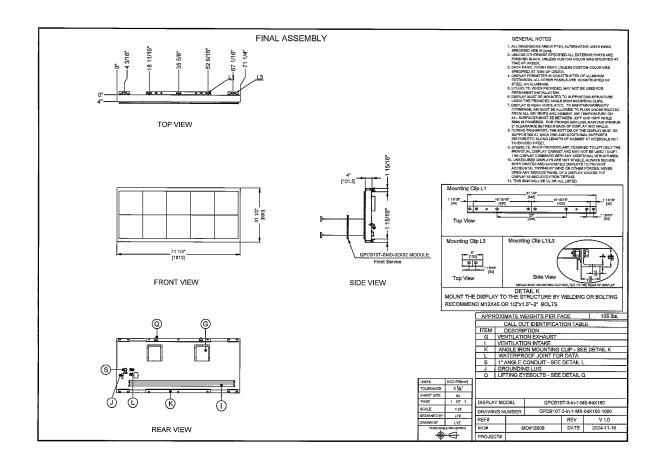
Cherokee County shall pay \$1,283.21 covering 20.4% of the total cost of the sign.

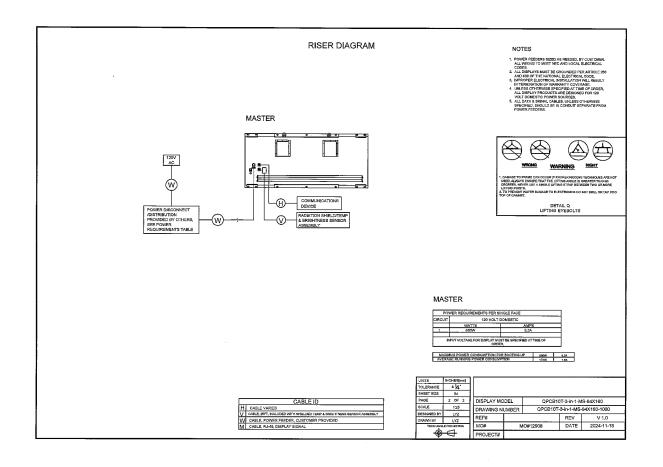
Sincerely,

Jenna Jambeck, PhD

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Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor in Environmental Engineering University of Georgia

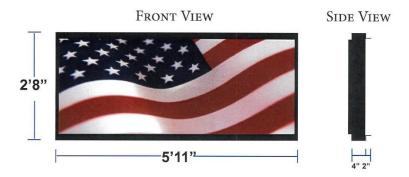








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LED Representation is detailing View from Ideal Viewing Distance

From: Kathryn Marie Youngblood <<u>kathryny@uga.edu</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 3:28 PM

To: Robert Ward <<u>robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov</u>>
Cc: Bobby Scruggs <<u>bobby.scruggs@cherokeecounty-nc.gov</u>>
Subject: RE: Outdoor LED Signs from Focus Digital Displays

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Hi Robert,

Great, and yes, we can cover \$5,000 of the sign – I'll send Ben an email to confirm the previous quote of \$5,900 is still accurate, so we would be looking at a total of \$6,282.31 with your installation expenses.

Do you need any additional information to bring this forward for approval?

Thanks, Kathryn

Kathryn M. Youngblood

University of Georgia College of Engineering Senior Research Engineer, Circularity Informatics Lab kathryny@uga.edu



From: Robert Ward < robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov >

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 10:55 AM

To: Kathryn Marie Youngblood < kathryny@uga.edu>

Cc: Bobby Scruggs < bobby.scruggs@cherokeecounty-nc.gov > Subject: FW: Outdoor LED Signs from Focus Digital Displays

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Kathryn:

Here are the landfill installation costs Please let me know when you get the cost of the sign from Ben Blackburn. Our cost share will be whatever the cost over \$5000 is right?

Landfill expenses below:

100' of 16 gauge 3 strand romex \$62.10 https://www.homedepot.com/p/WindyNation-100-ft-16-3-16-Gauge-3-Conductor-300-Volt-Black-SJOOW-Cable-Cord-16G-3C-SJOOW-100/329547404

100' of conduit 10X\$6.63=\$66.30 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Cantex-1-2-in-x-10-ft-Gray-Non-

Metallic-PVC-Schedule-40-Conduit-A52AE12H/202352535

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Electrical connections2x\$4.43=\$8.86 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Carlon-1-2-in-Sch-40-and-80-PVC-

Type-LB-Conduit-Body-E986D-20-HD/100404083

https://www.homedepot.com/p/Commercial-Electric-Standard-Wire nuts \$4.98

Wire-Connectors-Red-30-Pack-ESR-30/315849548

12' of 3" x 3" steel tube \$126.00 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Slipfence-3-in-x-3-in-x-12-ft-4-in-

https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-8-in-16-x-1-in-Zinc-

https://www.homedepot.com/p/Quikrete-80-lb-Concrete-Mix-

https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-3-8-in-16-Zinc-Plated-Hex-

Black-Powder-Coated-Aluminum-Fence-Post-Includes-Post-Cap-SF2-PK312/311798902

Angle iron clips \$8.47 https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1-in-x-3-ft-1-16-in-Thick-

Aluminum-Angle-6430/332734871

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110180/100318511

Rent an auger attachment for tractor4 hrs. \$75 Farmers rent all Murphy phone quote Labor and tractor Provided by existing landfill personnel and equipment

Total \$383.21

Plus the price of the sign

From: Ben Blackburn < ben@focusdigitaldisplays.com >

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 3:48 PM

To: Robert Ward < robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov > Subject: Re: Outdoor LED Signs from Focus Digital Displays

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Robert,

Good afternoon, I hope all is well!

I anticipate your questions below are all for me, so please see my input and let me know if you have any questions.

We will need a mounting post, a simple black post is fine

 We do not provide mounting post as part of our display hardware. This would be a requirement of the installer and thus something you would need to source locally on your end.

What do we need a concrete pad or to posthole and sink it in concrete. We can prep either one.

-This is up to you and your installation individual/team. In most cases a direct bury would be the most straight forward and the size and depth of the hole would be dependent on the overall height of the sign installation. General rule is half the overall height of the sign above grade should be the hole depth below grade.

What are the power wiring requirements? Ie. Will 14 awg 3 strand wire for 110 v in conduit be sufficient?

 Our Model FC10-64160L has a power requirement of 120V 5.2AMPS max draw. The power requirements are listed on the spec sheet and shop drawing for additional reference.

Have a Wonderful Day,

Ben Blackburn Focus Digital Displays, LLC 13276 Research Blvd. #207 Austin, TX 78750 www.focusdigitaldisplays.com

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C: 512.634.7883

From: Robert Ward <<u>robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 2:26 PM
To: Ben Blackburn <<u>ben@focusdigitaldisplays.com</u>>
Cc: Kathryn Marie Youngblood <<u>kathryny@uga.edu</u>>
Subject: FW: Outdoor LED Signs from Focus Digital Displays

FC10-64160L looks good

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From: Ben Blackburn < ben@focusdigitaldisplays.com >

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2025 2:08 PM

To: Robert Ward <<u>robert.ward@cherokeecounty-nc.gov</u>>
Subject: Outdoor LED Signs from Focus Digital Displays

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Robert,

Thank you for your time this morning as well as your interest in outdoor LED signs from Focus Digital Displays. As discussed, I have attached a spec sheet, shop drawing and proposal for our model FC10-64160L as it would work perfectly given your application and needs.

Please note that our proposal includes;

- -High speed long range wireless communication radios
- -Dynamic windows based PC software with enhanced scheduling capabilities
- -Temperature probe with light sensor
- -Five year warranty
- -Unlimited technical support
- -Unlimited software training

As you review the information provided, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, I am here to help. We take great pride in doing our part to ensure digital sign communication is made simple and look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure this projects success!

Have a Wonderful Day,

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BUDGET REVISION

3/4/2025

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1044330-34331 1094330-46000 Grant Revenue Grant Expenditures 64,778.00 64,778.00

Funds from the NC Department of Public Safety for the Emergency Management Local Emergency Shelter Capacity Grant program. This was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 5/06/24 and there is no County match.

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BUDGET REVISION

3/4/2025

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1044330-34331 1094330-46150 Grant Revenue Grant Expenditures 131,250.00 131,250.00

Funds from the NC Department of Public Safety for the Emergency Operations Grant program. The County match of \$43,750 is already budgeted.

Chairperson 3/4/2025



Tim Radford, Mayor
mayor@townofmurphync.com
Chad Simons, Town Manager
manager@townofmurphync.com

- (828-837-2510
- § 5 Wofford St, Murphy, NC 28906

February 18, 2025

Randy Wiggins, County Manager Cherokee County Board of Commissioners 75 Peachtree Street Murphy, NC 28906

Subject: Request for Conveyance of Full Armory Property to the Town of Murphy

I am writing to formally request the conveyance of the full armory property to the Town of Murphy. As you are aware, the Town has already invested in the facility, purchasing our portion for \$200,000. In addition, we made necessary improvements, including the installation of a new bay door and an air gas heater, to enhance its functionality.

Securing the remaining property would position the Town to better serve Cherokee County, the Murphy Rural Fire District, and the Town of Murphy. With full access to the facility, we can maximize its use to support public safety, emergency preparedness, and other essential services that benefit the broader community. We have briefly discussed ideas which could substantially add benefit to both the town and county, including but not limited to additional community meeting space and an essential facility to support all of emergency operations in our community. With the county portion of the facility not being utilized, deterioration is likely.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chad Simons Town Manager

Cc: Fire Chief Al Lovingood, Mayor Tim Radford

The Town of Murphy acquired a portion of the former NC National Guard Armory in 2021 in an effort to reduce the insurance rating for both the Town of Murphy and the Murphy Rural Fire District. This acquisition was beneficial particularly for the Murphy Rural Fire District given the current and future anticipated growth in this portion of our rural district. As a result, in 2021 the Murphy Rural insurance rating was improved to a PPC 4 and the Town of Murphy a PPC 3. This not only improved our efficiency to provide fire protection but had an impact on commercial insurance premiums.

Murphy Fire does not need additional space at the former armory, however, considering the county portion has been dormant since it was provided by the State of NC, it could be an advantage to both the town and county for improvements to be initiated so the facility could benefit our community.

The original intent was for it to serve as an emergency services complex with shared utilization of the entire complex. Plans were requested and received but a different direction was approved by the county to utilize the building located at 911 Andrews Road.

This facility has the potential to be utilized as a true community asset. With improvements, this facility could include but not be limited to a community meeting / conference room and additional space to support all emergency services in times of need.

Intergovernmental cooperation is imperative to the success of our community. During the previous pandemic, the Town of Murphy, specifically Murphy Fire, provided space for a med unit and personnel to separate crews and keep them safe. This was provided without any compensation from April 2020 thru June 2021 and again from August thru November 2021. Additionally, Murphy Fire has provided space on several occasions for county emergency operations when an EOC was necessary and has been utilized for county emergency services meetings when a larger space was needed.

Due to increasing call volume and risk analysis, Murphy Fire now has one personnel on duty 24/7 which not only benefits the fire districts which they have primary responsibility, but, benefits the additional 9 fire districts which they provide automatic aid. Last calendar year, Murphy Fire provided aid on 84 incidents to these other departments. In the future, this facility could have a duty firefighter 24/7 and current space is currently allocated for that purpose.

The facility was originally funded by the State of NC and then given back to Cherokee County with the abandonment of the NC National Guard. The commission originally gave a portion of the property to the Town of Murphy for the construction of a fire station. Due to immediate needs, the Town of Muphy purchased a portion of the facility for \$200,000 primarily to benefit the areas of the county and returned the donated portion of property.

If granted, we intend to improve this facility and offer, based on its availability and capability, to support county operations.