



Blount County Government

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Randy Vineyard

RE: Scope Amendment for Multi-year Design Contract for Eagleton Ballpark Renovation Project

DATE: May 25, 2023

In October 2021, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 21-10-014 granting the request to pursue a preliminary plan for use of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds allotted to Blount County. In January 2022, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 21-01-002 granting appropriation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$384,860.00 for design and initial construction bidding for the Eagle Ballpark Renovation Project to be provided by S&ME, Inc. In April 2022, the Blount County Commission approved Resolution 22-04-008 reclassifying the funds from ARPA funds to General Fund Balance.

Request consideration for a scope amendment to the original contract with S&ME in the amount of \$198,364.00 for a proposed revised contract amount of \$583,224.00. The original scope of services was based on master redevelopment plans provided by the County that included relocating three of the existing ball fields and constructing a new press box, fieldhouse and pavilion. The scope amendment reflects broadened design, civil engineering, geotechnical, environmental and construction bidding and administration services provided by S&ME due to an updated site design and regulatory issues. The new design expands the facilities for the youth baseball and softball programs; aligns the needs of the ECCA baseball and softball programs; provides an opportunity for broadened community use through expanded park offerings; and addresses environmental and traffic regulatory issues identified during the design phase. The updated scope of services includes:

- Aligning school facilities with Title IX requirements for the boys' baseball and girls' softball fields, including the addition of a second field house, batting cages and press box.
- Providing an updated site plan focused on clustering activities within the park footprint.
- Redeveloping the youth ball field complex to include all fields, a centralized pavilion area and an additional concessions/pressbox facility, necessitating demolition of the existing buildings.
- Addressing Traffic Impact Analysis results for entering and exiting the facility with a new entrance and drive off of Main Road to include interfacing with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).
- Improving internal vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow and providing pedestrian connectivity with adjacent businesses.
- Incorporating a flexible use lawn/playing field area for community and athletic activities such as soccer and Pickle Ball.
- Adding irrigation design to the project.
- Addressing jurisdictional water issues with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE).