

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 15, 2023

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



**SUBJECT:** Historical Triangle Recreational Facilities Authority (HTRFA)

Progress continues on various aspects of the Authority's work. In particular, design work on the core facility continues. We have a design committee that is working with MEB on facility orientation and location at the Visitor Center site, schematic design, and facility renderings. In parallel with design decisions, our Board is working to identify the best facility operating model so that elected officials in our three localities will have a complete picture of the project at the time a final construction decision is made, most likely this winter.

Our internal deliberations have envisioned a range of possible operating arrangements, including a role for a privately contracted operator focusing on tourism-oriented tournaments, event marketing, and concession management. Our preferred approach at this time would combine the above-described private role with traditional parks and recreation leagues more closely aligned with our local government recreation agencies.

As one can imagine, there are many variations that might be possible, and we want to make sure we understand the optimal operating arrangement before committing to a specific approach. In order to gain that level of knowledge, the Authority, at its June 14, 2023 meeting, authorized the issuance of a Request for Interest (RFI) targeting potential facility operators. In August, we hope to interview interested respondents to benefit from their knowledge of how the operation of our facility can best balance effectiveness and efficiency both for the tourism promotion mission and the community recreation purpose.

Our intent would be to then issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) early this fall with a high degree of specificity we can include after benefitting from what we learn in the RFI submissions. It is our hope that the HTRFA can then pull together all of the information we will need in terms of design, construction, and operations such that our local governing bodies will be in a position to make an informed decision.

I will continue to update the Board of Supervisors as our work progresses.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 9, 2023  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Riverwalk Restaurant/Water Street Grille Renovation

Last month I notified the Board that the rebid for the renovation of the Riverwalk Restaurant/Water Street Grille had been posted, with bids accepted through the end of May. We addressed the challenges that may have kept contractors from bidding during the initial Invitation for Bid last year. While this time, we did have an increase in the number of general contractors who attended a pre-bid meeting and walkthrough of the space; ultimately, we did not receive any bids on the project.

In spite of our disappointment, we remain committed to bringing this project to fruition with Marconn Enterprises. As a reminder, Marconn Enterprises is contributing 37.5 percent of the total project construction costs. The project includes many needed renovations to this County-owned building. The staff has already begun the process of reaching out to contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting but chose not to bid, in order to better understand what may have prevented them from providing a bid this time.

In addition, we are examining other options available to the Economic Development Authority for securing a general contractor and moving forward with this important project for the Yorktown waterfront. We hope to have a recommendation for the EDA's consideration at its June meeting and will keep the Board of Supervisors updated.

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2023

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: York County Job Fair

I wanted to share news about a new event that Human Resources is hosting for York County...our first "County *Job* Fair." This will have the theme of a traditional County fair while adding the "job" component as a means of outreach to potential candidates for employment in our County.

With the nationwide recruitment challenges that employers are facing, York County is not immune. By conducting our own job fair, we have opportunities to explore and discover quality talent for our departments as the sole employer.

Over the years, we have participated in external job fairs and envision the value of hosting our own hiring event. We will showcase a variety of employment opportunities with hiring managers onsite to include public safety and non-public safety departments, and this will also provide a learning experience for prospective candidates to gain more knowledge about local government and our service departments.

The event will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the new Yorktown Library Auditorium. Human Resources is coordinating with Public Affairs to market, advertise and announce our event publicly using a variety of mediums. I have attached a copy of the flyer that will be used in the advertisements.