



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Department of General Services /
Parks & Recreation

Date: August 2, 2023
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Through: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Acting General Services Director
From: Jerry Seldes, Manager, Indian River County Public Shooting Range
Subject: Approval of Amendment 3 with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation
Commission (FWC) Contract No. 00252

BACKGROUND:

On March 13, 2001, Indian River County entered into a Contract with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for the operation of the Indian River County Public Shooting Range (Range). Subsequent to the original contract, the Board of County Commissioners approved Amendment 1 (February 2, 2016) renewing the Agreement for a period of 10 years and Amendment 2 (February 6, 2018) for supply and use of ten golf carts. The current agreement for the Range is set to expire on March 12, 2026. As part of the Agreement, the County pays a portion of the Range fees to the FWC as outlined in the original Contract at \$0.50 per clay thrown and \$1.00 per user at the rifle and pistol range. This results in yearly payments to the FWC of approximately \$18,000 - \$22,000 per year depending on usage.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

In consideration of the mutual benefits and success of the County Public Shooting Range, the FWC has offered the proposed Amendment 3 to the Contract where the payment to FWC will be waived and all fees collected by the County may be retained and included in the gross operating revenue. The amended Contract provides an allowance of fees charged not to exceed \$20.00 per individual use of the rifle/pistol ranges and .75 per clay target for trap, skeet, and sporting clays. The current fee structure is currently just over 50% of the maximum fee allowable under the proposed amendment.

Additionally, the proposed amendment provides for Range fees to be collected during non-public shooting times as established by the County. These activities may include renting the Range to a public or private entity for in-service firearms training. All fees shall be included in the Range operation and be included as a part of the County's gross range operating revenue.

The proposed amendment also adds a section under PAVING, SPORTING CLAYS AND RIFLE AND HANDGUN RANGE IMPROVEMENTS which outlines improvements to the Range that are listed in the County's Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements to include repaving the entrance road and improving the sporting clay trail. The amended Contract provides for FWC funding assistance of \$200,000.00 toward these improvements.

FUNDING:

The gross revenue through this amendment will generate an additional \$1 per user during each fiscal year beginning upon the amendment's approval resulting in an estimated increase in Range revenue of \$18,000-\$22,000 per year. Additional funds in the amount of \$200,000 will become available through an FWC reimbursement to the County for improvements as outlined in the Amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the FWC Contract No. 00252 Amendment #3 and authorize the Chairman to execute the contract Amendment #3 after review by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Amendment State of Florida - Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission – FWC Contract No. 00252, Amendment #3
- FWC Contract No. 00252 Amendment No. 2
- FWC Contract No. 00252 Amendment No. 1
- FWC Concessionaire Contract 00252 03-13-2015

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 15, 2023