



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 11/19/2019

Consent Agenda

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Gary Higgins, Soil and Water Conservation
Taira Lance, Soil and Water Conservation

Subject:

Aubrey Wells & Charles Brown Farmland Preservation Transaction Costs Transfer

Brief Summary:

The Aubrey Wells & Charles Brown Farmland Conservation Easements closed on October 24, 2019, with grant funding from NCDA Farmland Trust Fund. The county budgeted \$35,000 per easement for county contributions on transaction costs. The \$35,000 per easement has been exhausted on survey, forestry management plans, and appraisal fees. Due to the sizable acreage of the tracts (Brown tract at 135 acres and Wells tract at 85 acres), surveying costs were higher than budgeted. Soil and Water Conservation requests an interfund transfer from savings in the existing Morris Conservation Easement to cover closing costs. This is no additional cost to the county.

The transfers will be in the amount of:

Aubrey Wells Preservation: \$933

Charles Brown Preservation: \$8,600

Funding Source:

Savings from the completed Morris Conservation Easement of \$9,533.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented