



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 5/13/2021 Meeting Date: 5/20/2021

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

Division Manager's Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Crews", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

A parents' group would like to present information on the resurfacing and upgrade of the 25 year-old track to a modern synthetic system. The group has presented to the TDC, has met with the School District and is raising private funds. They have now received actual quotes for the work and will be seeking TDC funding support in late May with a request for County Commission approval in June.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

No Action at this time.

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

CHS Track Resurfacing Project

Proposed Start Date: June 7, 2021

Recommended End Date: August 6, 2021

The current CHS track is over 25 years old. It has served the school well but is in desperate need of repair and upgrading to a modern synthetic running surface.

Current Resurfacing Status: The track has been budgeted by the CCSB as a project for 2022, and approximately \$270,000.00 has been allocated. However, due to annual price increases the amount allocated should be increased yearly to account for annual cost increases per year of 10% which would at a minimum equate to \$297,000.00.

Key Issues associated with the track:

1. Current degradation of the asphalt track directly impacts milling and repair of the old track to prepare for the upgrading to the synthetic surface to be applied.
2. Selection of asphalt vendor could affect overall cost. Current Bids received by the following:
 - AstroTurf Corporation: Synthetic Football Field - \$936,348.00; Rekortan BS Red track surface - \$237,752.00 with \$414,182.00 for Track Asphalt Improvements. Total cost \$651, 934.
 - Florida Track & Turf: \$594,500. (\$15,500 scratch mill old asphalt or \$57,500.00 to HMA paving). Equates to \$610,000.00 or \$652,000.00 respectively.
 - ProForm Sports: \$724,000.00. Laced with incentives (HJ Pad no charge w/value of \$15,000.00; free restriping within 10 year warranty period with a value of \$23,000.00; vinyl pit covers and 20% discount for artificial turf remediation).
3. Start date: NLT early June to complete work before school year 2022 starts in early August, 2021.
4. **Project Cost: Variable: \$237,752.00 - \$936,348.00. Depends on cost of asphalt remediation, scope of work approved, and what company does this work and for how much.**
5. Funding Sources. CCSB has budgeted for the resurfacing, however the budgeted amount is less than cost provided by vendors.
 - The shortfall is due to the projected cost of repairing the asphalt (milling, concrete curbing, drainage upgrades, etc).

Current Potential Fund Sources:

	<u>Funds Allocated</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
School Board Contribution	\$400,000.00	
Private Dollars	\$5,000.00	\$150,000.00
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners		\$125,000.00
City of Lake City		\$100,000.00
Columbia County Tourist Development Council		\$21,000.00

Notes:

(a). The proposal by AstroTurf cost for resurfacing of the track surface **DOES** fall within the budget amount, **IF** the cost of the asphalt improvements are mitigated (\$414, 182.00).

- (b). If the cost of the asphalt can be reduced, the overall cost of the project is reduced.
- (c). The cost of the resurfacing of the track will result in the potential to generate immediate revenue for local hotels and restaurants by hosting home HS and middle school track meets, AAU and invitational track and field meets.
- (d). CHS is in need of replacing old jumping mats and track equipment such as starting blocks and hurdles. Approximately \$50,000.00 cost.
- (e). GHS resurfaced their track about 4 years ago for \$300,000.00. Key to the cost was the cost of the asphalt work was done by a local contractor hired by school board and negotiated the price of the work. Current cost of that same project would be approximately \$420,000.00.



Two photos of current condition of the track. Cracks, weed and grass encroachment, general deterioration.



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This is what we want our track to look like. Notice how it enhances the football field and overall esthetic eye appeal as well as provides a safer and more comfortable running surface that reduces injuries and strains.

What is the benefit of helping support the resurfacing of the CHS track? Because the track will generate immediate revenue for the CCSB, local hotel and restaurant businesses, and scholarship opportunities for our student-athletes. See slide below:

Projected Revenue (Hotels)

Track & Field Invitational Meet (1day/night event)

- ❑ 10 teams (boys and girls) approx. 25 HS athletes = 250
- ❑ Coaches, trainers, parents = 4050 (approx. 300 people).
- ❑ Hotel Rooms = 150 rooms x \$90/night = \$13,000.00 (2 nights = \$26K)
- ❑ Heads in Beds = 2-day event (2 nights) = \$26,000.00
- ❑ Hosting the District (8) or Regional (35 schools) Meet = 120 rooms/ 700 rooms/ \$90/night = \$10.8k/\$63k.
- ❑ Note: Gainesville Striders have 49 teams entered in 3/20/21 Invitational.

Rubber Tracks Near LC

- ☐ UNF Hodges Stadium – Olympic quality 9 lane track
- ☐ Fred Cone/ Ben Hill Griffin/GHS
- ☐ SFHS (6 lane)
- ☐ 5 HS in Jax (minimum) that have tracks
- ☐ GHS 8 Lane Track (Costed \$300K 4 years ago)
- ☐ Tallahassee has at least 4 tracks
- ☐ None has our location, parking, easy access and seating capacity.

Conclusion: If we take advantage of our geographical location, we can become the mecca for track and field in north central Florida. Our easy access via major interstate highways and our numerous hotels and restaurants will benefit from investing in the track at CHS. The goal is to eventually become the host site for at least one major track and field competition that draws thousands to Lake City such as the Steve Prefontaine Invitational held in Eugene, Oregon annually.



This could be Lake City in less than 3 – 5 years. Invest now and reap the reward long term.

Questions?