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Onslow County Animal Services Funding

ONslow COUNTY, NC — Onslow County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to amend a project by approving an additional \$755,000 to begin the Onslow County Animal Services expansion and renovation. The Commissioners voted to meet the needs of Onslow County’s growing population.

The original \$3.5 million planned expansion, approved last November, will increase animal capacity at the Georgetown Road facility. The funds will add approximately 6,700 square feet of space to take in additional domestic animals.

“The overall capacity of sheltering dogs will increase by 64 percent,” says Howard Martin, Onslow County Animal Services Director of the 20-year-old facility, who is anticipating the improvements will match Onslow County’s population growth needs for the next 15-20 years.

Renovations to the existing 7,500 square foot building will also help Onslow County Animal Services maintain compliance with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture animal welfare regulations, which are requirements regarding sanitation, temperature, and ventilation. Martin says improving the building’s HVAC system will provide a healthier, better ventilated, temperature-controlled environment for all domestic animals sheltered in Onslow County.

After receiving five bids on the project, Animal Services needed the additional funds to contract with the lowest, responsive bidder. Onslow County Commissioners awarded the \$4.2 Million project to Quadrant Construction. Work is expected to start by the end of the year.

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