Lumpkin County, Georgia

Date: January 28, 2016

Agenda Item: Canoe Georgia Contract Renewal

Item Description: Recommendation on renewing contract with Canoe Georgia for use of the Chestatee River Access Park.

Facts & Historical Information: In 2009 the Chestatee River Access Park was opened to the public. In April 16th, 2009 Canoe Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters contracted with Lumpkin County for the launching and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for recreation purposes. The annual amount of the contract was $4,000, either in cash or in-kind improvements to the park. Since that time the contract has been renewed each year and the contract amount has been paid for by in-kind work.

Potential Courses of Action:

A) Renew the contract with Canoe Georgia, Inc. for $4,000
B) Negotiate a different contract amount and renew
C) Do not renew contract

Budget Impact: A) In accordance with the County's contract with the Corps of Engineers, all revenue generated by this contract must be spent on the maintenance and improvements of the park. The in-kind work done by the lessee reduces the amount of funds the County spends to maintain the park.

Staff Recommendation: It is the recommendation of staff that the BOC renew the current contract with Canoe Georgia, Inc. for 2016.

Contract/2016
Appalachian Outfitters c/o Ben LaChance – Canoe Launch
LC - 2016

LUMPKIN COUNTY
SUB-LEASE FOR LIMITED COMMERCIAL USE
CANOE LAUNCH AND PARK FACILITY

February 16, 2016
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Project
Auraria Park
Lake Sidney Lanier
Lumpkin County, Georgia
Tract No(s): R-1805, R-1816, R-1808, R-1814

THIS LEASE is made on behalf of Lumpkin County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "County" or as "Lessor," and Canoe Georgia, Inc., d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters, c/o Ben LaChance, a commercial enterprise licensed to do business in the State of Georgia, being more fully identified within, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Vendor" or as "Lessee."

WITNESSETH:

That Lumpkin County, and for the consideration hereinafter set forth, hereby leases to the Lessee, the property identified in Exhibit(s) "A" and "B", attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereinafter referred to as the premises, for public park and recreational purposes as may be from time to time prescribed by County, but with the intent that Lessee's primary use will be for the launching and pickup of watercraft and parties using the river for recreation purposes.

THIS LEASE is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. TERM

Said premises are hereby leased for a term of one year, beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016.

2. CONSIDERATION / FEES

The consideration for this lease shall be in the amount of $4,000.00, in hand paid, in advance, which shall be for the entire year and any portion thereof. There shall be no pro ration for any part year lease. There shall be no refund of any portion of the fee for early termination of the sub-lease for any reason.

a. All lease payments shall be used as provided by the Master Lease between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and Lessor herein, which requires that all such funds shall be used for the maintenance and improvement of the park facilities.

b. At the sole discretion of County / Lessor herein, County may accept in kind contributions of capital improvements to the park as donations for the public good. Any donation of any capital improvement shall be final and there shall be no refund or reimbursement to Donee for any reason.

(1) If such contributions of capital improvements to the park are offered by Vendor/ Lessee, such donations may be credited against future lease payments in lieu of cash. Such improvements shall be in advance, with the project as approved by County completed, and will be credited against Lessee's future lease payments.

(2) Such capital improvements must be approved and permitted by County as to all details of construction and materials.

(3) Accounting credit must be approved by the Lumpkin County Finance Director and the Lumpkin County Planning Director, with the final review and concurrence of the Lumpkin County Manager.

(4) In the event that Vendor / Lessee is unable to successfully complete a planned improvement, no credit against any lease payment due shall be given, and County /Lessor shall not return any payment of funds advanced by Vendor / Lessee.

3. NOTICES

All correspondence and notices to be given pursuant to this lease shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Lessor: Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

If to the Lessee: Canoe Georgia, Inc. d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters
2084 S. Chestatee Hwy 60 S
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Such address may be changed from time to time as may otherwise be directed by the parties by notice given in writing, with confirmation of receipt.

Notice shall be deemed to have been duly given if and when enclosed in a properly sealed envelope or wrapper, addressed as aforesaid, and deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service.

4. AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO MASTER LEASE

This lease shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the April 4, 2008 lease between the Department of the Army and Lumpkin County, Georgia (Lease DACW01-1-08-0012), and Lessee / Vendor herein shall in all cases follow the spirit as well as the detail of said lease, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Lessor / County for any violation by Lessee / Vendor of any provisions therein.

5. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

a. Lessee shall have the right to make such improvements as are specifically approved in writing by Lessor as hereinabove provided.

b. All improvements, upon acceptance by Lessor, shall become the property of Lessor.

6. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

a. The Lessee shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations and with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the state, county, and municipality wherein the premises are located, including, but not limited to, those regarding construction, health, safety, food service, water supply, sanitation, use of pesticides, and licenses or permits to do business.

b. County / Lessor shall make and enforce such regulations as are necessary and within its legal authority in exercising the privileges granted in the above referenced Master Lease, provided that such regulations are not inconsistent with those issued by the Secretary of the Army or with the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 460d.

c. Vendor / Lessee, as a part of the consideration of this lease, agrees that its use of the facilities constitutes a business operation in Lumpkin County, and agrees that such operation is, for purposes of civil actions, an "office" such that any action between County /Lessor and Vendor / Lessee shall be properly brought in any court of competent jurisdiction in Lumpkin County, Georgia, and waiving any alternative claim of venue.

7. CONDITION OF PREMISES

The Lessee acknowledges that it has inspected the premises, knows its condition, and understands that the same is leased without any representations or warranties whatsoever and without obligation on the part of the County to make any alterations, repairs, or additions thereto. Lessee accepts the premises as fit for the purpose intended, which is solely those purposes as hereinabove set out.

8. TRANSFERS, ASSIGNMENTS, & SUBLEASES

a. Without prior written approval of Lumpkin County, the Lessee shall neither transfer nor assign this lease nor sublet its right to the use of the premises or any part thereof, nor grant any interest, privilege, or license whatsoever in connection with this lease.

b. The Lessee will neither sponsor the use of the premises nor permit any commercial (for profit) activity by any third party.

9. FEES

Lessee may charge no separate fee for the use of the facilities under the terms of this lease. It is understood and approved that Lessee shall charge, as a part of its business, for a set or bundle of activities which include use of the leased premises.

10. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

The Vendor / Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to property of Lumpkin County or property of the United States by the activities of the Lessee under this lease; Vendor / Lessee shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all property located on the premises against fire or damage from any and all other causes. Any property damaged or destroyed by the Lessee incident to the exercise of the privileges herein granted shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the Lessee to the satisfaction of the Lumpkin County, or, at the election of the County, reimbursement may be made therefore by the Lessee in an amount necessary to restore or replace the property to a condition satisfactory to the County.

11. RIGHT TO ENTER AND FLOOD

On all premises described herein, this lease shall be subject to the right of the United States, its officers, agents, and employees to enter upon the premises at any time and for any purpose necessary or convenient in connection with Government purposes; to make inspections; to remove timber or other material, except property of the Lessee; to flood the premises; to manipulate the level of the lake or pool in any manner whatsoever; and/or to make any other use of the land as may be necessary in connection with project purposes, and the Lessee shall have no claim for damages on account thereof against the County, the United States or any officer, agent, or employee thereof.

12. INSURANCE

a. At the commencement of this lease, the Vendor / Lessee shall obtain from an A.M. Best "A" or higher rated insurance company or companies contracts of liability insurance. The insurance shall provide an amount not less than that which is prudent, reasonable and consistent with sound business practices, or a minimum combined Single Limit of $l,000,000.00, whichever is greater, for any number of persons or claims arising from anyone incident with respect to bodily injuries or death resulting therefrom, property damage, or both, suffered or alleged to have been suffered by any person or persons, resulting from the operations of the Lessee, sub-lessees and concessionaires under the terms of this lease. The Vendor / Lessee shall ensure that Lumpkin County, its elected officials, employees and agents are ensured parties under such policy. The Vendor / Lessee shall require its insurance company to furnish to Lumpkin County and to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineer a copy of the policy or policies or, if acceptable to the

County and to the District Engineer, certificates of insurance evidencing the purchase of such insurance. The minimum amount of liability insurance coverage is subject to revision upon renewal or modification of this lease.

b. The insurance policy or policies shall specifically provide protection appropriate for the types of facilities, services and products involved; and shall provide that both Lumpkin County and the District Engineer be given thirty (30) days' notice of any cancellation or change in such Insurance.

c. In the event the Lessee is self-insured, the Lessee shall certify such self-insurance in writing in the minimum amount specified above to both Lumpkin County and the District Engineer.

d. The County shall require closure of any or all of the premises to Vendor / Lessee during any period for which the Lessee does not have the required insurance coverage.

13. NON-DISCRIMINATION

a. The Lessee shall not discriminate against any person or persons or exclude them from participation in the Lessee's operations, programs or activities conducted on the leased premises, because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. The Lessee will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and attendant Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) published by the Architectural And Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

b. The Lessee, by acceptance of this lease, is receiving a type of Federal assistance and, therefore, hereby gives assurance that it will comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 D.S.C. § 794); and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Directive of the Department of Defense (32 CFR Part 300) issued as Department of Defense Directive 5500.11 and 1020.1, and Army Regulation 600-7. This assurance shall be binding on the Lessee, its agents, successors, transferees, sub-lessees and assigns.

14. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS

This lease is subject to all existing easements, easements subsequently granted, and established access routes for roadways and utilities located, or to be located, on the premises.

15. SUBJECT TO MINERAL INTERESTS

This lease is subject to all outstanding mineral interests. As to federally owned mineral interests, it is understood that they may be included in present or future mineral leases issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which has responsibility for mineral development on Federal lands. The Secretary of the Army will provide lease stipulations to BLM for inclusion in such mineral leases that are designed to protect the premises from activities that would interfere with the Lessee's operations or would be contrary to local laws.

16. COMPLIANCE, CLOSURE, REVOCATION AND RELINQUISHMENT

a. The Lessee and its staff are charged at all times with full knowledge of all the limitations and requirements of this lease, and the necessity for correction of deficiencies, and with compliance with reasonable requests by the County. This lease may be revoked in the event that the Lessee violates any of the terms and conditions and continues and persists in such non-compliance. The Lessee will be notified of any non-compliance, which notice shall be in writing or shall be confirmed in writing, giving a period of time in which to correct the noncompliance. Failure to satisfactorily correct any substantial or persistent non-compliance within the specified time is grounds for closure of all or part of the premises, temporary suspension of operation, or revocation of the lease, after notice in writing of such intent. Future requests by the Lessee to extend the lease shall take into consideration the Lessee's past performance and compliance with the lease terms.

b. This lease may be relinquished by the Lessee at any time by giving notice to County in writing.

17. HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Lessee shall keep the premises in good order and in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition, and shall immediately report to County any unsafe condition exceeding Lessee's ability to properly repair or correct.

18. PUBLIC USE

No attempt shall be made by the Vendor / Lessee to forbid or limit the full use by the public of the premises and of the water areas of the project, subject, however, to the authority and responsibility of the Lessee to manage its clients while using the premises.

19. NATURAL RESOURCES

The Lessee shall cut no trees or shrubs, conduct no mining operations, remove no sand, gravel, or kindred substances from the ground, commit no waste of any kind, nor in any manner substantially change the contour or condition of the premises, except as may be authorized in writing by County.

20. DISPUTES CLAUSE

Any claim shall be made in accordance with the instructions of the Master Lease.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

a. Within the limits of their respective legal powers, the parties to this lease shall protect the project against pollution of its air, ground, and water. The Lessee shall comply promptly with any laws, regulations, conditions or instructions affecting the activity hereby

authorized, if and when issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, or any Federal, state, interstate or local governmental agency having jurisdiction to abate or prevent pollution. The disposal of any toxic or hazardous materials within the leased area is specifically prohibited. Such regulations, conditions, or instructions in effect or prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency, or any Federal, state, interstate or local governmental agency, are hereby made a condition of this lease.

b. The Lessee will use all reasonable means available to protect the environment and natural resources, and where damage nonetheless occurs from the Lessee's activities, the Lessee shall be liable to restore the damaged resources.

22. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Lessee shall not remove or disturb, or cause or permit to be removed or disturbed, any historical, archaeological, architectural or other cultural artifacts, relics, remains, or objects of antiquity. In the event such items are discovered on the premises, the Lessee shall immediately notify the County and protect the site and the material from further disturbance until the County gives clearance to proceed.

23. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Lessee shall maintain, in a manner satisfactory to the County, all soil and water conservation structures that may be in existence upon said premises at the beginning of, or that may be constructed by the County / Lessor during the term of, this lease, and the Lessee shall take appropriate measures to prevent or control soil erosion within the premises. Any soil erosion occurring outside the premises resulting from the activities of the Lessee shall be corrected by the Lessee as directed by the County.

24. TRANSIENT USE

a. This facility is a day use facility only for the purpose of access to the Chestatee River, for the taking out and putting in of watercraft, for picnics and other similar activities.

b. Camping, including transient trailers or recreational vehicles, is prohibited.

25. MODIFICATIONS

This lease contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and no modification of this agreement, or waiver, or consent hereunder shall be valid unless the same be in writing, signed by the parties to be bound or by a duly authorized representative; and this provision shall apply to this clause as well as all other conditions of this lease.

26. DISCLAIMER

This lease is effective only insofar as the rights of the County in the premises are concerned.

27. **THIS LEASE** is requested by Canoe Georgia, Inc., d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters, and is executed by the Lessee to ratify the terms and conditions of the lease and its agreement to be bound thereby, this _____ day of February, 2016.

Canoe Georgia, Inc., d/b/a Appalachian Outfitters

By: Ben LaChance, President

Notary Public
Commission Expires:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of February, 2016.

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Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

_____
Kathleen C. Walker
Clerk, Lumpkin County