


**Open Work Session
Sharps Point Dredge Material Placement Funding
October 2, 2018**

Mr. Dallas Baker, Director of Public Works, came before Council. He said, as Council knows, the County is responsible for locating places for the Army Corp to place dredge material that they take out of the river. He said, in exchange for the County providing the site, the Federal Government pays for all the operations and management of the dredge operations. He said they had the location at Sharps Point, which is their location to take dredge material from the upper river. He said the Corp is getting ready to start in December dredging the upper portion of the river, and they are going to pull out about 132,000 cubic yards of material, so the County has to make room for 132,000 cubic yards of material, which is a lot, to put it mildly. He said they have to hire a contractor to come in and move this because Public Works simply does not have the manpower, or the equipment, to go in and move this material and still handle their day-to-day functions. He said they have \$500,000, roughly, in one of the FY14 or 15 bonds to cover this work, but they bid the project out, and the bids came in right around \$800,000, so they need additional funds. He said what is being proposed with Finance is to consolidate the lower river bond with the upper river bond into a \$1-million-dollar pot that they already have money available for to fund this project. Mr. Cannon said he thinks this was mentioned before, to which Mr. Baker responded, they had previously had some discussion about potentially looking at buying additional property behind Sharps Point, and they are pursuing that to expand it out for future iterations.

Mrs. Hurley said this requires a Public Hearing, and it only has to be advertised one time, so they can have that on October 16, 2018. There was no further discussion.

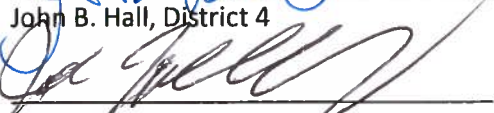

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