

# CAROLINE COUNTY PRESS RELEASE



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## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES NEW SITE FOR CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AND USE OF COUNTY FORCES TO COMPLETE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION**

On October 6, 2020, the Caroline County Board of Supervisors approved a request to relocate the Confederate Civil War monument from the courthouse lawn in Bowling Green to Greenlawn Cemetery on Lakewood Road. The Board also determined that it is in the County's best interest to utilize County resources under the direction of Building Official Kevin Wightman to remove and relocate the monument instead of paying an exorbitant fee to hire a private contractor to complete the project.

Caroline County received four proposals in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) to remove and relocate the monument. Cost estimates for the project ranged from a low of \$172,800 to a high of \$259,300. Mr. Wightman, a veteran Building Official and highly respected professional, has assembled a group of local experts who have volunteered their time to compete the relocation. The team includes two Virginia licensed professional engineers, one Virginia licensed architect, four Class A contractors, one Master Code Official, one board certified safety professional, one OSHA qualified rigger, a funeral home owner with 30 years of experience with headstones and monuments and numerous skilled construction workers.

It is anticipated that up to \$25,000 will be needed for equipment rental and incidental expenses. Staff has confirmed that the monument is covered under the County's insurance policy with VACORP. Materials for the foundation site work at Greenlawn Cemetery have been donated by a private individual.

Questions regarding the removal and relocation of the Confederate monument should be directed to Building Official Kevin Wightman at (804) 633-4303, ext. 1198.

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