

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for the Clarence E. Morgan Complex

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Department: Purchasing / Parks and Recreation

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Item Description: Consideration to approve the purchase, installation, and site improvements associated with new playground equipment at the Clarence E. Morgan Complex through OMNIA Partners Contract #R220202.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the purchase and installation of playground equipment, surfacing, shade structures, seating, and associated site improvements for the Clarence E. Morgan Complex playground project.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County Parks & Recreation continues to invest in recreational facilities that enhance quality of life and provide safe, accessible amenities for residents and visitors. The proposed project will install a new destination playground at the Clarence E. Morgan Complex located at 1750 GA Highway 21 South in Springfield. The playground design includes a custom Olympus Tower play structure, swing area, shade structures, picnic tables, accessible play features, poured-in-place safety surfacing, synthetic turf, and related site improvements.

The playground is designed to serve children ages 6–23 months and 5–12 years and includes ADA-accessible components and safety surfacing. The facility is expected to accommodate approximately 100–125 users and will provide a modern recreational amenity that promotes physical activity, social interaction, and family engagement.

The project was quoted by Bliss Products utilizing OMNIA Partners Public Sector Contract #R220202, allowing the County to procure the equipment through a cooperative purchasing contract without conducting a separate competitive bid process. The total project cost includes equipment, installation, surfacing, stone base preparation, engineering drawings, freight, and related materials. The total project cost is **\$395,439.99**, including estimated freight charges.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the purchase and installation of the Clarence E. Morgan Complex Playground
2. Deny approval of the playground project.
3. Defer action pending further review.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Purchasing, and Parks and Recreation

Funding Source: Funding will be provided through available Parks & Recreation capital improvement funds.

Attachments:

1. Bliss Products Playground Proposal – Quote No. 645-182335D
2. Playground Site Plan
3. Playground Renderings