

## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Ratification of Amendment 2 for Ceres Debris Removal for Hurricane Helene

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**Department:** Procurement, EMA

**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2025

**Item Description:** Consideration to ratify Amendment 2 to increase the Ceres task order/notice to proceed amount for the emergency disaster debris removal services due to Hurricane Helene.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends the ratification of Amendment 2 to increase the Ceres task order/notice to proceed amount for the emergency disaster debris removal services due to Hurricane Helene.

### **Executive Summary/Background:**

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage across Effingham County, leaving extensive debris along roadways, residential areas, and public spaces. In anticipation of such events, the County entered into a pre-event contract with Ceres Environmental Services for disaster debris removal and related emergency services. This contract allows for immediate activation upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, ensuring a swift response to clear roads, restore access to critical infrastructure, and manage public safety concerns. Ceres will assist in clearing hazardous debris and managing the transportation of storm-related materials to designated facilities.

This contract is compliant with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines and ensures proper documentation for potential reimbursement of costs incurred.

Amendment 1 was approved by Tim Callanan, County Manager, to increase the original task order amount from \$150,000 to \$1,500,000 and was ratified by the Board on 11/5/2024.

This Amendment 2 was approved by Tim Callanan, to increase the amount from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000 as Ceres has continued debris removal efforts beyond the initial scope, requiring an adjustment to the contract to accommodate ongoing work and associated costs.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider**

1. Approve the ratification of amendment to increase the amount from \$1,500,000 to \$1,800,000 for the disaster debris removal services task order with Ceres Environmental Services.
2. Do not approve ratification

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** Purchasing, EMA, County Manager

**Funding Source:** FEMA

**Attachments:** Amendment, Task Order, Contract with Amendment