

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Request for Board Approval to Contract with Yellowstone Landscape for Storm Debris Removal, Not to Exceed \$66,000.

DATE: April 20, 2026

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL – Not to Exceed \$66,000

() OTHER

CAPITAL -

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: April 20, 2026

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from the Habersham County Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Yellowstone Landscape for storm debris removal, hauling, and consolidation services for Zones 1 and 3 at a total cost not to exceed \$66,000.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY: Habersham County Road Department crews continue to work through storm-related debris removal operations throughout the county. County forces are currently focused on Zone 2 but have also had to redirect personnel and equipment to other areas in response to continued citizen complaints regarding excessive debris remaining within the rights-of-way.

Due to the volume of debris still remaining in Zones 1 and 3, Public Works staff do not anticipate being able to complete cleanup operations in those areas before Yellowstone Landscape must begin mowing and trimming Cycle 2. Delaying mowing and trimming operations would negatively impact roadside maintenance schedules and overall right-of-way conditions countywide.

Yellowstone Landscape has provided a quote of \$1,100 per load using a 55-cubic-yard grapple truck. The quoted rate includes:

- Grapple truck, operator, fuel, and hauling
- Two-person cleanup and staging crew
- Skid steer and related equipment
- Cutting, organizing, and staging of debris
- Loading and disposal at designated debris collection sites

The estimated debris volume remaining in Zones 1 and 3 is approximately 2,500 cubic yards, which equates to roughly 45 grapple truck loads. Based on this estimate, the projected cost for Zones 1 and 3 is approximately \$50,000. Public Works Staff are requesting authorization for a not-to-exceed amount of \$66,000 to provide sufficient contingency for additional debris quantities, unforeseen conditions, or additional loads that may be required during cleanup operations. This additional funding would also allow Yellowstone Landscape to be directed to other zones as needed to further expedite debris removal efforts countywide.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- Estimated cost for debris removal in Zones 1 and 3: \$50,000
- Requested not-to-exceed amount: \$66,000 to allow work in other zones as needed
- Immediate removal required to maintain safe roadways and mowing/trimming schedule
- GEMA confirmed county qualifies for 12.5% state match
- FEMA reimbursement pending
- Staff recommend funding through county contingency funds to ensure project can proceed without delay

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1. Approve contracting with Yellowstone Landscape for storm debris removal and consolidation services in an amount not to exceed \$66,000, funded through county contingency funds.
 2. Deny contracting with Yellowstone Landscape for storm debris removal and consolidation services.
 3. Commission-defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION: Motion to Approve contracting with Yellowstone Landscape for storm debris removal and consolidation services in Zones 1 and 3 for an amount not to exceed \$66,000.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Mac Koon

Interim Director: Mac Koon

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager



Proposal #: 685577

Date: 4/3/2026

From: Jeffrey Barksdale

Proposal for
Habersham County - Mow & Trimming

Jerry Baggett
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130 Jabcob's Way
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LOCATION OF PROPERTY

130 Jabcob's Way
Clarkesville, GA 30523

DESCRIPTION

Storm Clean Up Zone 1 and Zone 3

\$1100 per load (55 cubic yard grapple truck)

This rate is all-inclusive and covers:

- Grapple truck, operator, fuel, and hauling
- Two-man cleanup/staging crew
- Skid steer and equipment
- Cutting, organizing, and staging of debris
- Loading and disposal at designated dump locations

There are no additional charges for staging or support crew—everything is built into the per-load rate to keep billing simple and transparent.

Terms and Conditions: Signature below authorizes Yellowstone to perform work as described in this proposal and verifies that the prices and specifications are hereby accepted. This quote is firm for 30 days and change in plans or scope may result in a change of price. All overdue balances will be charged a 1.5% a month, 18% annual percentage rate.

Limited Warranty: Plant material is under a limited warranty for one year. Transplanted material and/or plant material that dies due to conditions out of Yellowstone's control (i.e., Act of God, vandalism, inadequate irrigation due to water restrictions, etc.) shall not be included in the warranty.

AUTHORIZATION TO PERFORM WORK:

By _____

Print Name/Title

Date _____

Habersham County - Mow & Trimming

Subtotal	\$1,100.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Proposal Total	\$1,100.00

THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE