

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pamlico County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) funding through the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency (NCEMA) as sub-recipients. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final public notice is hereby given regarding FEMA's intent to provide funding for in-kind repair to the Pamlico Sheriff's Office and the replacement of building contents under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** Pamlico County

**Project Title:** PA-04-NC-4393-PW-01766/69466 – Damage to Pamlico County Sheriff's Office

**Location of Proposed Work:** 35.14335, -76.7702

**Name of Structure:** Pamlico County Sheriff's Office

**Address of Structure:** 200 Main Street, Bayboro, NC

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the repair of the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office partially located in flood zone unshaded X (0.2% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 3720656000J, date 07/02/2004. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. While the building is partially located in an unshaded X zone, it was not flooded during Hurricane Florence, but received damage due to wind driven rain. It is not practicable to move the sheriff's office as the building was built in 2005 and the cost of relocating or rebuilding would not be feasible for the county.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Pamlico County is requesting reimbursement of funds for the cost of the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office. The building contents were removed and replaced in-kind. In addition to the replacement of contents, the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office had the following items removed and replaced in-kind to restore the facility back to its pre-disaster design, function and capacity: 350ft of sealant on the east side windows and expansion joints, 1,500 SF of carpet, 1,200 SF of drywall and insulation, 12ft of rubber transition, and 600ft of cove base. There was also 4,800 SF of wall space that was painted. The purpose of this project is to repair

the sheriff's office back to its pre-disaster conditions so that it can be fully functional and serve the county.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (no action alternative): If no action is taken the county will have to pay for the costs of repairing the sheriff's office. The funds used for the repairs will be taken from the budget and therefore not available for other expenses or county projects.

**Alternative #2:** The building could be relocated outside of the floodplain to a different location. Although, this option would not be practicable due to the high cost of relocating and rebuilding. In addition, the current location of the sheriff's office allows for the town to be better served due to the close proximity of the government buildings to each other.

**Comment Period:** Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer FEMA Region 4  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4393-NC-01766; 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due within 15 days of the date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** August 16, 2019

**End of Notice**