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Office of the President
September 13, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

CONSTRUCT MEATS/FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER CAPITAL PROJECT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Construct Meats /Food Development Center capital project.

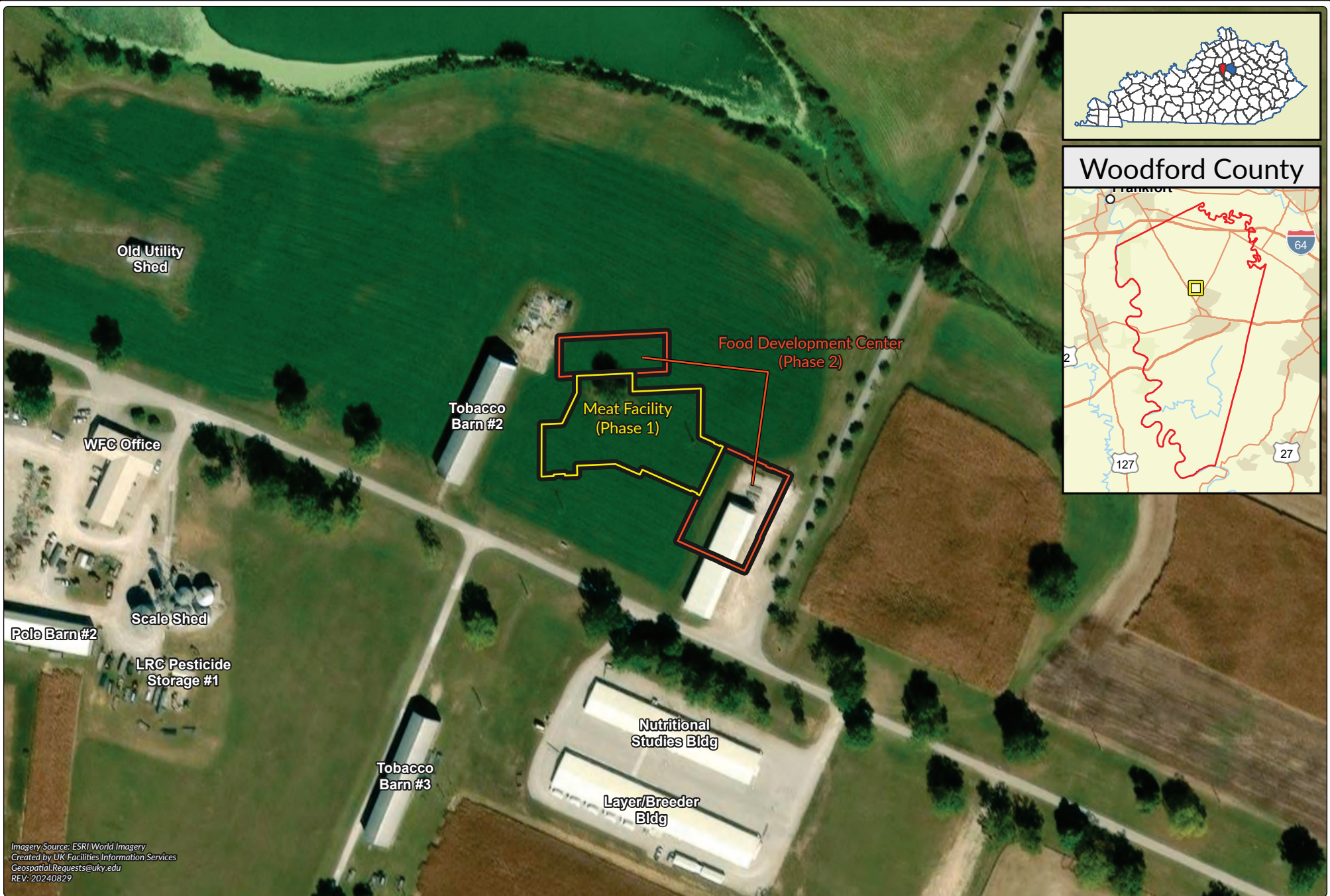
Background: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's animal handling and abattoir facilities and laboratories require relocation to accommodate the expansion of the UK HealthCare Patient Care Facility on the north side of Cooper Drive.

The Board approved the design phase of this project at its December 5, 2023, meeting with an approved scope of \$9,000,000 and to be funded with agency funds. At its February 23, 2024, meeting, the Board approved a \$3,400,000 internal loan to fund a portion of the design. Originally, the design included a 64,000 square foot facility which would house both the Meat Facility and Food Development Center. However, the plan has subsequently been revised to phase the project by initially constructing a 34,000 square foot Meat Facility with the Food Development Center phase following at a later time.

This phase of the project, which includes the design and construction of the Meat Facility, has a scope of \$33,000,000. The project, authorized by the 2022 and 2024 Kentucky General Assemblies, is within the combined legislative authorizations of \$100,000,000 and will be funded entirely with agency funds. Pending Board approval, the University will report the combination of the legislative authorizations to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____



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