

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN
EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOM FACILITY AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

- WHEREAS, Buncombe County has undertaken the construction of a Public Safety Training Center that will provide a facility for training law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, hazardous materials emergency response teams, and other rescue and emergency personnel; and
- WHEREAS, the training center will provide training facilities, including classroom space; live fire burn buildings for residential, commercial, mobile home, and high rise buildings; flammable liquids simulator; road and skills courses; and other facilities that will not only accommodate state-of-the-art training techniques, but will foster teamwork across the various disciplines of law enforcement and emergency response; and
- WHEREAS, the training center is being constructed on property owned by Buncombe County in Woodfin and will be operated through the Law Enforcement Academy at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College; and
- WHEREAS, the educational classroom facility will be funded through sales tax revenues exclusively dedicated to capital improvement projects for Asheville-Buncombe Community Technical College; and
- WHEREAS, in coordination with Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, the Board of Commissioners wish to undertake the next phase in the Public Safety Training Center project related to the design and construction of a 25,000 square-foot facility for educational classrooms and offices; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County requested qualifications from architects to provide architectural and design services, including programming, engineering, construction administration, and other services necessary to construct the project; and
- WHEREAS, the firm of Legerton Architecture was deemed to be the qualified firm that will provide the best expertise and value to Buncombe County and Asheville-Buncombe Community Technical College based on their experience in designing energy-efficient educational facilities and classrooms and also working with the needs of law enforcement and emergency personnel, community colleges, and local governments; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners feels that it is in the best interests of the County to proceed with this project in order to ensure that law enforcement and emergency response teams are adequately trained in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Buncombe County citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the County Manager and/or her designee be and they are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contract documents with Legerton Architecture related to the design and construction of a 25,000 square-foot facility for educational classrooms and offices at the Public Safety Training Center.
2. That the County Manager and/or her designee be and they are hereby authorized to execute permits, applications, change orders, and all other documents to ensure the successful completion of the project.
3. That this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2012.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk to the Board

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Frue, County Attorney