

Resolution #: _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO PAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND TO SIGN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Plasticard-Lockteck International, LLP, a North Carolina Registered Limited Liability Partnership ("PLI"), is the world's largest manufacturer of hotel keycards and a leading specialty printer of plastic and paper products; and

WHEREAS, PLI works with the top names in hospitality to provide a variety of items that engage guests and boost the bottom line, and PLI's customer list includes retailers, restaurants, shopping centers, fun centers and attractions - from multinational franchises to single-location operations - as well as event planners and local and national sports commissions; and

WHEREAS, PLI made plans to expand its organization with new capital investments of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$4,400,000.00), and to create at least Forty-Two (42) new jobs in Buncombe County at an average wage of \$26,000/year (" the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, PLI requested that the County provide economic development incentives to induce it to make the capital investment for the Project and for the creation of the jobs at the facility; and

WHEREAS, PLI informed the County that if the County did not promise such economic development incentives, then PLI would not complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, subject to the formal approval of this Board, the County did agree that if PLI made the new capital investments and created the new jobs paying an average wage of \$26,000/year then the County would pay to PLI grants in the future ("Future Incentive Payments") in the total cumulative amount of Eighty-Four Thousand and No/100 (\$84,000.00) to be paid over a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Tax Department has confirmed that PLI has made capital investments in new construction, improvements, machinery and equipment equal to \$4,715,012 resulting in new total taxable assessed values of \$4,031,589 in business personal property and increased real property value of \$494,100 effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, these new established assessed tax values resulting from capital improvements for the Project as well as machinery, equipment and other business personal property located at PLI will bring as consideration for the Future Incentive Payments tax revenues, over the next ten years, estimated at \$144,163.00; and

WHEREAS, the County has also received information confirming the jobs commitment of Forty-Two (42) new jobs in Buncombe County at an average wage of \$26,000/year; and

WHEREAS, these new jobs will have a direct economic effect in the community of \$1,092,000.10 as well as additional local annual tax revenues of approximately \$169,000.00; and

WHEREAS, PLI's expansion Project, in addition to bringing the jobs described above, produce revenue for local businesses and the County due to the employment of individuals and the spending by PLI and those new employees, which will provide further economic benefits to the County and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, PLI's investment for the Project enhances the County's property tax base and increase the County's property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §158-7.1, this Board of Commissioners deems its desirable and in the best interests of the County and its businesses and residents to offer certain economic development incentives to PLI and to enter into an EDA with PLI; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has organized and approved the holding of a public hearing, at the Board's October 15, 2013 regular meeting, to discuss and approve these economic development incentives to PLI and authorize the entering into of the EDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners approves appropriating and spending from the County's general fund amounts to make cash grants totaling \$84,000 over a three year period beginning in 2013 and continuing through 2015, such amounts and payment schedule being more specifically described in the EDA attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
2. To implement these incentives, the Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies and approves the attached Economic Development Agreement and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, or either of them, to take all actions necessary to implement the actions and grants required by that Agreement.
3. The Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.

4. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

5. Any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

6. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the 15th of October, 2013.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk

By: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

Exhibit A

See attached Economic Development Agreement