

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM**

**MEETING DATE: June 21, 2011**

**Action Requested:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER**

**Background Information:**

Buncombe County plans to construct 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. The training center will be constructed on property owned by Buncombe County, known as the old landfill property off Riverside Drive in Woodfin, and will be operated through the Law Enforcement Academy at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. 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.

Site development is nearing completion, and construction bids were received on June 16, 2011. The architects for the project recommend that the Board award a contract to the low bidder, Sexton Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$7,926,794.

**Funds/Staff requested:**

Funds are appropriated in the Capital Projects Budget to carry out this project.

**Request submitted by:** Jon E. Creighton, Assistant County Manager

**Date Submitted:** June 17, 2011