

RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FORENSIC AUDIT FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY

WHEREAS, four former county employees, including two consecutive county managers, have been indicted on Federal criminal charges,

WHEREAS, the federal criminal investigation is ongoing,

WHEREAS, a forensic audit can identify issues that may not be addressed in the Federal criminal investigation but are critical to Buncombe County from an organizational standpoint, such as organizational systems, controls and culture,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for oversight of the county, and

WHEREAS, it is vital to restore public trust in local government.

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

1. Following the completion of the Federal criminal investigation, a forensic audit should be performed to identify any misuse of taxpayer funds not already disclosed through the criminal investigation process and to identify issues related to employee misconduct and organizational culture that should be addressed.
2. The Commission requests that the Buncombe County Audit Committee make recommendations for the scope and focus of the forensic audit once the criminal investigation process and current year audit are complete.
3. The Commission recommends utilization of an outside firm with experience in forensic audits and one that has no previous or existing contracts with the county for auditing procedures.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY ATTORNEY