



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/2/2021

Public Hearings

Department: Economic Development

Presenter(s): Timothy Love & Brian Leising **Contact(s):** Timothy Love

Subject: Borg Warner Economic Development Agreement

Brief Summary:

On July 28, 2020, Borg Warner (BW) announced its plans to expand at its existing facility in Arden, North Carolina. BW is a leader in propulsion systems, developing propulsion system technologies for combustion, hybrid, and electric vehicles that improve fuel economy, emissions and performance. BW plans to invest \$62.25M in capital expenditures and retain 600 jobs averaging \$24.85 per hour.

Prior to the 2020 expansion announcement, BW requested, and the County agreed, subject to formal approval by the Board of Commissioners at a Public Hearing, to provide economic development incentives to induce the Company to make capital investments and create jobs in Buncombe County. Per the Buncombe County Economic Development Policy, BW is eligible for a one-time incentive of \$460,000.00 based on capital investment and job creation targets.

Our staff have analyzed the economic impact of the expansion project, drafted an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) between BW and Buncombe County, and are requesting your formal approval for the incentive grant.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Conduct Public Hearing and approve the following:

1. Economic Development incentive for BW
2. Economic Development Agreement between BW and Buncombe County

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Approve as presented.