



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 3/2/2021

#### New Business

**Department:** Budget

**Presenter(s):** Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Contact(s):** Jennifer Barnette, Budget

**Subject:** FY21 Deferred Budget Requests

#### Brief Summary:

At the February 16, 2021 board briefing meeting, the following requests were presented.

- One (1) Evidence and Property Technician to begin April 1, 2021 (\$17,910)
- Five (5) Part-time EMT Paramedics to begin April 1, 2021 (\$84,594)
- Eight (8) Part-time Library Assistants to begin April 1, 2021 (\$33,500)
- Audit Management & Data Analytics Tool (\$65,000)

Since our last review, further evaluation and consideration of organizational needs have occurred, the Evidence and Property Technician request is being withdrawn, and a Planner II position is being requested.

A planner position was also included in the requests that were prioritized as high in FY2021 however were deferred. The Planning Director is requesting an additional staff to address a current surge in workload related to the implementation of an electronic plan review software as well as proposes that adding the Planner position enables the Planning department to be able to adequately prepare for and develop the county's comprehensive plan.

An anticipated reduction in revenues for FY21 deferred several departmental budget requests. Revenues have come in higher than projected and the following positions and items totaling \$206,594 for the remainder of FY21 are being requested for approval:

- One (1) Full time Planner II to begin April 1, 2021 (\$23,500)
- Five (5) Part-time EMT Paramedics to begin April 1, 2021 (\$84,594)
- Eight (8) Part-time Library Assistants to begin April 1, 2021 (\$33,500)
- Audit Management & Data Analytics Tool (\$65,000)

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

1) Approve the use of lapsed salary to fund the following positions as outlined, effective April 1, 2021:

- One (1) Full time Planner II
- Five (5) Part-time EMT Paramedics, and
- Eight (8) Part-time Library Assistants.

2) Approve new Audit Management & Data Analytics Tool and use of FY21 savings to fund purchase.

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented