

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO DONATE SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

- WHEREAS, a request has been made by Land of Sky Regional Council (“LOS”) for the donation of surplus laptops to support its program to provide devices to individuals for increased access to a variety of broadband and digital inclusion projects;
- WHEREAS, 2021 census data shows Buncombe County has over 10% of the population with no access to devices which can be an insurmountable barrier to the ability to capitalize on the resources of access to broadband;
- WHEREAS, Land of Sky WestNGN proposes a program to further its program to:
- Goal 700 devices refurbished regionally per year
 - LOS is applying to several funders to help with creating an entity to refurbish devices, in the interim devices can be refurbished through partners such as [E2D](#) or Through the Trees for about \$120 per device
 - LOS is currently doing ACP outreach across the county and finding that a number of the people we are signing up for the program don’t have a device to use the broadband access with
 - We feel that we can increase ACP adoption in areas with access to broadband, but coupling our offerings with a device for people who need one
 - Devices of most interest to our programming are ones that adequately support access to skills training, job seeking, and resources. We consider these to be laptop computers and tablets, but will consider other devices as presented
 - When devices are put into the hands of those who need them they will be given information about other programs that can help with ACP sign-ups, skills training, or other programs the county may want to advertise
 - This program also helps devices with life still left in them from the landfill
 - Device access is known to springboard people out of cycles of poverty
- WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 153A-176 and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-280, the County may transfer to another governmental unit within the United States, a sister city, or a nonprofit organization any personal property, including supplies, materials, and equipment, that the governing board deems to be surplus, obsolete, or unused;
- WHEREAS, Land of Sky Regional Council is a regional planning commission of the State of North Carolina and qualifies as a governmental unit under state law;
- WHEREAS, the County has surplus laptop devices, and the IT Director and Purchasing Agent have certified a number of these laptops as available for disposal in accordance with the County’s Procurement Policy, Disposal of Surplus Property, which policy directs items of surplus personal property be offered for public auction via an online auction vendor;

WHEREAS, County management recommends support for this LOS program and desires to direct staff to donate all surplus laptops devices to LOS for the next three (3) calendar years in manner consistent with this resolution and Art. 12, Ch. 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, provided, however, that disposal of property purchased using Federal funds shall follow the procedures required by the funding agency;

WHEREAS, public notice of Board's intent to transfer said surplus laptop devices to Land of Sky Regional Council has been made at least five (5) days prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County that this resolution be adopted.

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

1. That all surplus laptop devices identified by the IT Director and Purchasing Agent as available for disposal be donated to Land of Sky Regional Council for the purposes set forth and consistent with this resolution.
2. That the donation of such surplus laptop devices be and it is hereby approved and accepted.
3. This resolution be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney