



## Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

### Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

#### Consent Agenda

**Department:**

Agriculture & Land Resources

**Presenter(s):**

John Hudson, Budget Director

**Contact(s):**

Jennifer Harrison, Agriculture and Land Resources Director  
Ariel Zijp, Farmland Preservation Program Manager  
Avni Naik, Farmland Preservation Coordinator

**Subject:**

Conservation Easement Allocations

**Brief Summary:**

The Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) recommends:

- Additional transaction costs in the amount of \$28,000 for Tone Hollar Farm near Weaverville. The landowners are increasing the project by adding 25 additional acres to the donation easement.

The Land Conservation Advisory Board (LCAB) recommends:

- Acquisition costs for Sand Branch Farm near Black Mountain in the amount of \$40,000. The Commissioners have already approved transaction costs for this easement.
- Transaction costs for Light Center Conservation Easement near Black Mountain in the amount of \$46,000.

The three projects above totaling \$114,000 will be funded with FY24 Conservation Easement funding.

The NC Department of Agriculture is also providing reimbursement for survey costs on the Anthony, Gary and Ormond Cole Farm project in the amount of \$30,000 which will be budgeted with this amendment.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:**

Approve budget amendment

**County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:**

County Manager recommends as presented