

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXTERIOR-
WORN PROTECTIVE VESTS UNDER AN EXCEPTION TO THE BIDDING LAWS
CODIFIED IN N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
LAWMEN'S SAFETY SUPPLY, INC.
(FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)**

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office needs to purchase law enforcement exterior-worn protective vests and Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc. is the sole distributor of the Safariland exterior-worn protective vest within the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides that procedures for letting of public contracts do not apply to purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) further requires the governing board to approve purchases under the above provisions prior to the award of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc., has submitted a quote for exterior-worn protective vests at a cost of \$45,672.99, including tax; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Manager, the Sheriff, and the Purchasing Director that the purchase of law enforcement exterior-worn protective vests with Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$45,672.99 be awarded to Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available to cover the cost of this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase of law enforcement exterior-worn protective vests for use by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office under the exception to the bidding laws as provided and authorized by N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby awards a contract to Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$45,672.99 for the purchase of law enforcement exterior-worn protective vests for use by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, a contract with Lawmen's Safety Supply, Inc. for the purchase of law enforcement exterior-worn protective vests in the amount of \$45,672.99, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, contract amendments for this equipment within budgeted appropriations in the current fiscal year if this equipment is necessary.

Adopted this 12th day of June 2017.