

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT SPECIAL WEAPONS
AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM VEHICLE UNDER AN EXCEPTION TO THE BIDDING
LAWS CODIFIED IN N.C.G.S. 143-129(E)(6) AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO
LENCO INDUSTRIES, INC. (D/B/A LENCO ARMORED VEHICLES)
(FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)**

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Sheriff's proposes to replace the current antiquated SWAT vehicle with a BearCat vehicle produced by Lenco Industries, Inc. (d/b/a Lenco Armored Vehicles) to serve critical criminal justice purposes including protection, defense and rescue at such events as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, downed officer incidents, mass citizen casualty incidents and active-shooter situations; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bid procedures 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 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, Lenco Industries Inc., d/b/a Lenco Armored Vehicles, is the manufacturer and sole distributor of the BearCat Armored SWAT vehicle; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Manager, the Sheriff, and the Purchasing Director that Forsyth County award a contract for the purchase of a replacement SWAT vehicle to Lenco Industries, Inc., d/b/a Lenco Armored Vehicles, in the amount of \$284,139, excluding tax; 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 a Lenco BearCat Armored SWAT truck for use by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$284,139, excluding tax, 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 Lenco Industries, Inc d/b/a Lenco Armored Vehicles, in the amount of \$284,139, excluding tax, for the purchase of a BearCat Armored SWAT vehicle for use by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office SWAT team.

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 Lenco Industries, Inc., d/b/a Lenco Armored Vehicles, for the purchase of a BearCat Armored SWAT vehicle in the amount of \$284,139, excluding tax, 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.

Adopted this 12th day of October, 2017.