

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: APRIL 12, 2018 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 9

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES, SELECTING ELLIOTT DAVIS, PLLC, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND AUDIT CONTRACT WITH ELLIOTT DAVIS, PLLC TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT FOR FORSYTH COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018, 2018-2019, AND 2019-2020, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION (FINANCE DEPARTMENT)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:**

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:** See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MANAGER

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION  
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**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 159-34 requires that each unit of local government have its accounts audited as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant or by an accountant certified by the Local Government Commission as qualified to audit local government accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 159-34 requires that the auditor be selected by and report directly to the governing board; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 159-34 further requires that the audit contract be in writing and include the provisions specified by law, and that the audit contract be submitted to the Secretary of the Local Government Commission for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, as instructed by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, Forsyth County staff prepared and submitted a Request for Proposals to five auditing firms identified by the Local Government Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, two of the five auditing firms contacted, submitted proposals, namely Elliott Davis, PLLC and Cherry Bekaert LLP, and after review and evaluation of the proposals submitted, County staff recommended that a contract be awarded to Cherry Bekaert LLP for a three-year period; however, the Audit Committee was of the opinion that a different auditor should complete the work since Cherry Bekaert LLP has performed the audit for several years; therefore, the Audit Committee recommended that a one-year contract be awarded to Cherry Bekaert LLP and that additional proposals be requested for next year; however, following additional discussion, the Board decided to reject all proposals for auditing services and select Elliott Davis, PLLC to complete the annual independent audit for Forsyth County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby rejects all proposals for auditing services and selects Elliott Davis, PLLC to complete the annual independent audit for Forsyth County for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute an engagement letter with Elliott Davis, PLLC related to the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, on behalf of Forsyth County and the Board, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and further subject to a pre-audit

certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of Forsyth County and the Board, with Elliott Davis, PLLC for the provision of audit services, for Forsyth County for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, at the cost of \$64,788, subject to approval by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission and further 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 a contract for additional services with Elliott Davis, PLLC based upon procedures which may be required by the State outside of the Contract to Audit at fees recommended by the State.

Adopted this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.