

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SELECTING AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES ON THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY FACILITY

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____

J. Dudley White, Jr.
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: March 19, 2014

**RESOLUTION SELECTING AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM AND AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES ON THE
RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY FACILITY**

WHEREAS, Forsyth County staff publicly announced the County's requirements for architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the existing Central Library facility consistent with the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-64.31; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County staff advertised and submitted a Request For Qualifications in order to identify qualified firms to provide architectural or design services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification to provide these professional services without regard to a fee pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-64.31; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County staff's efforts to identify qualified firms included the use of good faith efforts to notify minority firms of the opportunity to submit qualifications for consideration; and

WHEREAS, nineteen responses were received in response to the Request For Qualifications; and County Management identified a working committee, which included representatives of a variety of constituent groups of the County library system, to review and evaluate the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the said working committee narrowed the proposals to six qualified architectural firms, and the six firms were invited to make presentations to the committee, which ultimately identified Ratio Architects, Inc. as the best recommended firm for this renovation and expansion project; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County staff thereafter negotiated a contract with Ratio Architects, Inc. for architectural services at a fair and reasonable fee, subject to approval by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby selects Ratio Architects, Inc. to provide design services for the renovation and expansion of the Central Library facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to execute a contract for design and related services, on behalf of Forsyth County, with Ratio Architects, Inc. as provided in the attached fee proposal dated February 28, 2014, at a negotiated amount not to exceed 8.96% of the construction value, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the Chief Financial Officer, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 24th day of March 2014.