

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW BOOKMOBILE
(FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Bids were received December 15, 2015, for the purchase of one new bookmobile. This purchase is a replacement of a mobile unit which is over twenty years old and needs constant repair. A new mobile library will continue to provide services to selected communities where there are geographic, transportation, economic, and other barriers to using the Central and branch libraries. The mobile unit provides access to library materials to over 1,000 children and adults monthly. The new mobile library will inherit the existing collection and add technology which will provide economical full-services to an otherwise unreached community. The new mobile will be equipped with 5 laptops, 4 iPads, 1 portable printer, 1 multi-media projector and reliable access to the internet. Below is a summary of the base bids received:

Nations Bus Sales, Inc.	\$ 93,100
Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc.	93,725
TriVan Truck Body, LLC	99,200
Lynch Display Vans, Inc.	99,813
Ohio Bus Sales, Inc.	110,900
Farber Specialty Vehicles	129,800

In addition to the base bid requirements, pricing for eleven add-on options were received and briefly described as follows:

- #1 - Audio and PA system
- #2 - Backup camera
- #3 - 32 inch flat screen television & DVD Player
- #4 - Alarm System
- #5 - Outside Graphics
- #6 - Data ports
- #7 - Awning
- #8 - Handicap wheelchair lift
- #9 - Outside lighting
- #10 - Replace all interior florescent style lights with LED lights
- #11 - Include a walk-through option between the cab and truck body

Library staff has reviewed all bids and requested nine of the eleven options at an additional cost of \$11,101, bringing the total cost of the vehicle by the lowest responsible responsive bidder to \$104,201.

It is recommended by the County Manager, the Forsyth County General Services Director, and the Purchasing Director that a contract for the purchase of one new bookmobile per specifications in the amount of \$93,100, plus the addition of 9 options, be awarded to Nations Bus Sales, Inc. in the total award amount of \$104,201.

The Forsyth County Public Library is the recipient of a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) 2015-2016 Project Literacy & Lifelong Learning Grant, awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, in the amount of \$100,000.00 to fund the purchase. Additional funds are available in the Forsyth County Public Library budget to cover costs exceeding the amount of the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:- YES NO

SIGNATURE: *Jo Audley Watts, Jr.* DATE: March 9, 2016
COUNTY MANAGER

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PURCHASE OF A NEW BOOKMOBILE
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WHEREAS, after due advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by the City/County Purchasing Department at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, December 15, 2015, for the purchase of one new bookmobile for the Forsyth County Public Library and the following bids were received:

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; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the bookmobile, including nine optional features as requested by the Forsyth County Public Library staff, will be \$104,201; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Manager, the Forsyth County General Services Director, and the Purchasing Director that a contract for the purchase of one new bookmobile, including nine optional features as requested by the Forsyth County Public Library staff, be awarded to Nations Bus Sale, Inc. in the total amount of \$104,201; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that a contract for the purchase of one new bookmobile, including nine optional features as requested by the Forsyth County Public Library staff, is hereby awarded to Nations Bus Sales, Inc. in the total amount of \$104,201 and that all other bids are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of Forsyth County, with Nations Bus Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$104,201 for the purchase of one new bookmobile with nine optional features, consistent with the terms outlined herein, 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 14th day of March 2016.