RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EXAMINING POTENTIAL LANDSLIDE HAZARD MITIGATION OPTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF GROVEMONT

WHEREAS, Buncombe County requires the services of a professional engineering firm to carry out design and engineering services for examining potential landslide hazard mitigation options in the Village of Grovemont located in Swannanoa, NC.

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 143-64.31 requires the selection of engineering services be based on demonstrated competence and qualification. After selection of the best qualified firm, then negotiation may begin with that firm of a contract at a fair and reasonable amount. If an agreement can't be reached then the County may begin negotiations with the next best qualified firm.

WHEREAS, The Procurement Division solicited qualifications for full set of designs, and construction project certification in a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and established a deadline for submittals of July 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm; and a selection committee evaluated submittals based on a standardized scoring process.

WHEREAS, upon completion of the submittal evaluation and scoring, the selection committee has Identified the top qualified firm ECS Southeast, LLC for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the County Manager or designee is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract for design and engineering services for examining potential landslide hazard mitigation options in the Village of Grovemont located in Swannanoa, NC with the firm ECS Southeast, LLC for the amount $794,200.00.

2. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Sarah Gross, Clerk to the Board

BY: _____

Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney