

## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action**

Meeting Date: 6/15/2021

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**Department:** Buncombe County Commission

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**Subject:** AN ENVIRONMENTAL and ENERGY STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

**Brief Summary:** North Carolina General Statutes § 153A-76 authorizes a board of commissioners to create, change, abolish, and consolidate offices, positions, departments, boards, commissions, and agencies of the county government in order to promote orderly and efficient administration of county affairs. Recognizing that the Board has established a strategic priority to foster energy and environmental stewardship and that climate science and observations of climate change are having dangerous impacts on human populations and the environment, this Board recognizes a duty and obligation to provide leadership in responding to the climate crisis.

In order to facilitate action on this strategic priority and related goals this Board proposes to appoint a subcommittee of its membership as a Climate and Environment Working Group to review and provide recommendations to this Board on items related to these strategic priorities.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** Approve the Resolution Establishing an Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:** Manager recommends approval as presented.