

Item Title: Transfer of Surplus Computer Equipment

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners adopts a resolution allowing staff to transfer secured, surplus computer equipment to an approved nonprofit organization on a recurring basis.

Item Summary:

Purpose: To approve the adoption of a resolution permitting Wake County Government's Information Services to transfer surplus computers.

Background: Currently Wake County maximizes the use of all computer equipment it acquires. However, we estimate that the County surpluses approximately 80 to 100 devices annually.

N.C. General Statute § 153A-176 and N.C. General Statute § 160A-281 provides that a county may donate to a nonprofit organization incorporated by the United States or any other state and personal property, including supplies, materials and equipment that the governing board deems to be surplus, obsolete or unused. These statutes provide that the governing board must post a public notice at least five (5) days prior to the adoption of a resolution approving any such donations.

Wake County Information Services has identified the Kramden Institute as an appropriate recipient of Wake County surplus computer equipment for re-use in our community. The Kramden Institute is a nonprofit company originally formed in 2003 to refurbish and fix older computers to donate to middle school students who could not afford home computers. The company has grown and expanded its operations and since its inception has awarded more than 40,000 computers to deserving students across 83 of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Kramden Institute has partnered with the Raleigh Housing Authority and worked extensively with Wake County schools and Wake County Human Services to provide digital literacy classes to over 500 public housing residents. Kramden Institute has also worked extensively with Wake County Public Schools to provide students and parents digital literacy training as well as computers.

Board Goal: This item supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: This action would allow the County to donate surplus computer equipment. It would not impact routine equipment replacement schedules or costs.

Additional Information:

None of the surplus computer equipment transferred under this resolution would pose a data breach or other security risk to the county or its data.

Attachments:

1. N.C.Gen. Stat. § 153A-176
2. N.C.Gen. Stat. § 160A-281
3. Resolution Allowing Transfer of Surplus Computer Equipment