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Title: Vote on a Request to approve competitive bid exemption for standardization and sole source for the Chatham County Utilities Department for Badger Meter, Inc.

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Vote on a Request to approve competitive bid exemption for standardization and sole source for the Chatham County Utilities Department for Badger Meter, Inc.

Action Requested: Vote on a Request to approve competitive bid exemption for standardization and sole source for the Chatham County Utilities Department for Badger Meter, Inc.

Introduction & Background: Chatham County has utilized Badger meters for their water metering solution for decades. These meters have continued to perform exceptionally well. Many suppliers in the region have carried the Badger line of meters for many years. Recently however, these suppliers stopped carrying this meter brand because Badger Meter Inc. has become the sole supplier of Badger meters in this region. The North Carolina General Statute 143-129(e)(6) authorizes Local Governments to purchase without bidding when standardization is the over-riding consideration and price competition for a product is not available.

Discussion & Analysis: The North Carolina General Statute 143-129(e)(6) authorizes Local Governments to purchase without bidding when standardization is the over-riding consideration and price competition for a product is not available. This is the situation we are facing with Badger meters and can no longer acquire additional quotes for these meters. Until Chatham County is able to evaluate new meter reading technology solutions, it is imperative that we continue to purchase Badger meters.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: Vote to approve competitive bid exemption for standardization and sole source for the Chatham County Utilities Department for Badger Meter, Inc.