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## Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Office and Jail Records Management for the Chatham County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office's existing Records Management and Jail Management system is no longer adequate to respond to workloads imposed by today's society and the existing system has no capability for remote mobile services to effectively communicate during field operations; and

WHEREAS, Southern Software Inc. has developed an Office and Jail Records Management Program which provides a system which will greatly enhance the Sheriff's Office's ability to better maintain efficient and systematic control of the creation, receipt, maintenance, use and disposition of records, including the processes for capturing and maintaining evidence of and information about business activities and transactions in the form of records; and

WHEREAS, Southern Software Inc. has developed a Field Operations Mobile-Pak that can be used to transmit and receive important, time-saving information, increase employee productivity in the field, while reducing the time it takes employees to complete their mission; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 143-129(e)(6) authorizes local governments to purchase from a sole source "when a needed product is available from only one source of supply"; and

WHEREAS, Southern Software Inc. is the "sole source" for the Records Management System with a data sharing component known as the 'Rambler' module that enables local law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Siler City Police Department and the Pittsboro Police Department to share important law enforcement related data to better enhance communication and the protection of its citizens.

WHEREAS, Southern Software has submitted a proposal to furnish the Sheriff and Jail Records system to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office for \$91,764; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners has agreed to provide the funds for this acquisition through a complete purchase from monies taken from Chatham County's General Fund;

WHEREAS, Southern Software has submitted a proposal to furnish the Field Operations Mobile Pak for \$64,986; and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners will take action on purchase of the Field Operations Mobile Pak at a future date when funds are available;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the agreement to acquire the Records and Jail Management System from Southern Software Inc. for a total cost of \$96,764, is satisfactory and agreed upon and further conforms with all the requirements of law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chatham County intends to purchase the Field Operations Mobile Pak upon the availability of funds.

Adopted this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
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Dr. George Lucier, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board