

**PROPOSED**

**ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT  
Meeting Date: June 3, 2025**

**Action Agenda  
Item No. 8-s**

**SUBJECT:** DSS Computer Peripheral Surplus Declaration and Donation to Triangle Ecycling

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**DEPARTMENT:** Social Services (DSS)

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**  
Resolution Approving the Donation of Surplus, Obsolete, or Unused County Equipment to Triangle Ecycling

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**PURPOSE:** To approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution declaring items listed below as surplus and authorizing the donation of those items to the non-profit Triangle Ecycling.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2015 and 2018, Orange County donated surplus computers and peripheral equipment (computer keyboards, mice, monitors, etc.) to the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) to help the school system launch a computer reuse and training program. CHCCS worked with Triangle Ecycling, which was then a local for-profit company, to help manage this program and train high school students in computer repair. The donation was made with the understanding that any computer equipment that could not be refurbished or re-used for this program would be returned to Orange County Solid Waste to be responsibly recycled. All the equipment in that initial donation was reusable. With the County's donation and that of other public and private entities, the program has been successful.

Triangle Ecycling has since become a 501c3 nonprofit. The organization collects surplus electronics and uses those items in its own program to train high school students to refurbish them for reuse.

In 2021 and 2023, Orange County donated outdated computers directly to Triangle Ecycling.

The Orange County Department of Social Services has a round of surplus computer peripherals that is ready for donation, and staff is seeking Board approval of the attached resolution to donate these computer peripherals to Triangle Ecycling for the benefit of local students and residents. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-280, the County Board of Commissioners may donate County property to an incorporated nonprofit organization. The five-day notice of the proposed resolution/action by the Board as required by the General Statute has also occurred. The proposed donation would be made with the understanding that any computer equipment that could not be refurbished or re-used for this program would be returned to Orange County Solid Waste to be responsibly recycled.

**Property to be donated**

Peripheral Type	Qty.
Monitors	17
Printers	10
Scanners	63
Speakers	19
Docking Stations	39
Pagers	25
Power cords and other cables	5 boxes
Cellular Phones (factory reset)	136
Polycom Voice Station	2
AT&T 945 Business Phone	1
Boca Research 10Base-T Concentrator	1
GVC TP HUB-008	1
Verizon Cellular PCMCIA card	1
Linksys Wireless G PCMCIA NIC	1
HP JetDirect EX Plus	2
HP IR Transceivers	5
Sony DVD Player	1
Samsung Cable Box	1
Casio microcassette recorder	1

It should be noted that providing the County's surplus computers and computer peripherals to local nonprofit organizations has also been previously discussed and pursued. However, agencies have declined interest due to the age of the computers as well as the cost to purchase operating systems since the County must remove all software and information for security purposes prior to any disposal action. The possibility of making surplus computers and computer peripherals available to County employees has also been discussed in the past. The interest among County employees is uncertain, and it has been noted that conveying/selling the computers to employees requires a prescribed process based on State law.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Donating these computer peripherals to Triangle Ecycling will have no financial impact on the County. As these computer peripherals have had 10 years of use and have been deemed unsuitable for repair or further use for their intended purpose, any money recovered by selling these items as-is would be offset by the Staff time involved in managing the sale. The computers hold considerably more value as teaching tools for local students. Computer peripherals repurposed by Triangle Ecycling trainees are given to local charities, sold locally at a discount to bridge the digital divide, or sold online to support further programming of the nonprofit.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:** This item supports:

- GOAL 5: PUBLIC EDUCATION/LEARNING COMMUNITY**  
**OBJECTIVE 2.** Improve school readiness and educational outcomes by providing access, training, tools, technology, and other resources needed to thrive.  
**OBJECTIVE 3.** Provide support for workforce development through training, tools, technology, and other resources.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Manager recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution declaring the computer peripherals listed above as surplus and authorizing the donation of those items to Triangle Eycling.

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS, OBSOLETE, OR  
UNUSED COUNTY EQUIPMENT TO TRIANGLE ECYCLING PURSUANT TO THE  
PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S. 160A-280**

**WHEREAS**, Orange County owns computers and other electronics, which are unsuitable for repair or further use for their intended purposes and should be declared surplus or obsolete to the County's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 160A-280 allows counties to convey property to nonprofit organizations that the Board of County Commissioners deems to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

**WHEREAS**, County staff recommends that the computers and other electronics on the attached list be declared surplus, obsolete, or unused and donated to Triangle Ecycling, a 501c3 nonprofit, to be used for educational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160A-280, the Orange County Board of Commissioners has caused public notice of this proposed Resolution to be posted at least five days prior to the adoption of this Resolution approving the donation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Orange County Board of Commissioners that the computers and other electronics are hereby declared to be surplus or obsolete based on their unsuitability for repair or further use for their intended purpose; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Orange County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the donation pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160A-280 by Orange County to Triangle Ecycling of the above described personal property to be used for educational purposes.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Jamezetta Bedford, Chair  
Board of Orange County Commissioners