

Resolution Approving the Use of the Design-Build Delivery Method for the Ridgeway Street Slope Failure

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S 143-128.1A authorizes local governmental entities to utilize design-build contracts as an alternative project delivery method for public construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners, on August 13, 2026, adopted written criteria establishing the circumstances under which the design-build delivery method is appropriate for Town construction projects, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-128.1A; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgeway Street is a town-maintained street where a slope failure occurred during a heavy rain July 17, 2026, causing the storm drainage and a portion of the street to collapse; and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified the need to stabilize the slope to maintain Ridgeway Street; and

WHEREAS, the Town staff have evaluated the proposed repair considering the Town's design-build criteria and determined that the design-build delivery method is appropriate for this project based on the following factors:

1. The Town's ability to thoroughly define the requirements and scope of the project and ensure a quality product will be delivered;
2. The Town's capability to oversee the project, with the ability of staff and consultants who are experienced with the design-build delivery method;
3. The project possesses one or more unique elements that would benefit from the design-build delivery method;
4. The project requires flexibility to make appropriate decisions regarding the scope of the project as the project progresses;
5. The benefits of concurrent design and construction processes achieve the Town's desired project schedule and timeframe;
6. The anticipated project budget is adequate for the design-build method;
7. The enhanced potential for cost-certainty, fewer change orders, and reduced construction risk through a single design-build contract; and
8. The benefits from design-build delivery outweigh the advantages of a traditional design-bid-build method for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners finds that the Project meets the criteria for the design-build construction delivery method and therefore authorizes Town staff to use the design-build construction delivery method for this Project.

Adopted this the 13th day of August, 2026.

Johnny Phillips, Mayor

Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk